

Minutes
Anderson County Development Agency
May 16, 2017
City Hall, Garnett, KS

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. with the following board members in attendance: Sandra Zook, Les McGhee, Reuben Feuerborn, John Wilson and Eileen Burns. Absent: Doug Rockers. Also present was Dennis Arnold, Economic Director. Guests in attendance were Shelley Paasch and Erik Pedersen from Network Kansas.

A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2017 meeting as written. Les McGhee seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of Old Business

- A. Recommendation for New Board Member:
- B. Eileen Burns moved to recommend Casey Smith, RPh., to the Board for the position. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Eileen will provide his information for Dennis to contact him.
- C. Workshop on Economic Development for Local Partners:
 - 1. Dennis is putting together a presentation focusing on the evolution of economic development in Anderson and getting a consensus definition of Economic Development expectations, including defining technical vs. adaptive solutions. Would like to bring to city and county commissions but is waiting on the new City Manager before proceeding.
 - 2. Regional groups are looking at presenting long term capital improvement plan seminars as well as business financing. Dennis is assisting with the development of these seminars
- D. Local Expansion/Prospects:
 - 1. Project CHAFF: still interested in coming just trying to get all partners in place. Talking with Ethanol group on collaboration.
 - 2. Troyer Event Center
 - 3. Hayesbrand Molding
- E. Renewal-Greeley Neighborhood Revitalization
 - 1. Dennis took paperwork to Doug Rockers in Greeley to give to Pat Rockers to renew

Discussion of New Business

- A. Entrepreneurship Challenge Discussion with Shelley & Erik, Network Kansas
 - 1. The Kansas Ice House Challenge & Destination Bootcamp (see attached) were discussed as possible programs to be offered.
 - 2. Dennis suggested having a 30-60 minute "mini session" or quick Lunch & Learn to give people an idea of what the course is about in hopes of getting more interest. Shelley agreed she would come teach the session. The Board was in agreement with the idea. It was suggested that this might also be beneficial for schools and startups.
 - 3. YEC- Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge- Reuben reported that Phyllis Wilson at ACHS does not want to host a program but is interested in FBLA attending and competing somewhere else this fall. It was suggested that if ACHS competes and wins, ACDA could put in some funds.

With there being no further business to discuss, Reuben Feuerborn moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Eileen Burns, Secretary.

Next meeting date is June 20, 2017 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.