

Minutes  
Anderson County Development Agency  
August 15, 2017  
City Hall, Garnett, KS

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with the following board members in attendance Les McGhee, Reuben Feuerborn, John Wilson, Casey Smith and Eileen Burns. Also present was Dennis Arnold, Economic Director. Absent were members Sandra Zook and Doug Rockers.

A motion was made by John Wilson to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting, Casey Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of Old Business

- A. Workshop on Economic Development for Local Partners:
  - 1. Dennis had lunch with new City Manager, Chris Weiner, and went over the history of economic development for the City and the County. Dennis hasn't had a discussion with City Commissioner Jody Cole about the history of the organizations yet. County Commissioner Les McGhee reported other Commissioners on the board also haven't spoken to the Chris Weiner yet but intend to. Additional discussion was had in conjunction with E-Community.
- B. Prospect Update/Local Expansion:
  - 1. Project CHAFF: Nothing to report
  - 2. Project STEEL: Still a possibility for the Taylor Forge building. This regional company needs to get all the principles on board for this expansion to go through.
  - 3. Hayes Brand: Progressing with expansion despite having trouble getting surveys.
  - 4. Troyer Event Center & Lodging: Have gotten bids and are waiting to hear back.
- C. Road to Genco:
  - 1. Talked to the City on several occasions but progress to a solution is slow. Dennis asked Les if possibility the County could help the city pave the road. However, it is a city street. Dennis asked the committee if they thought economic development funds should go to help pave the street. Then the board agreed no ACDA money should be put up for a city maintained road. Dennis felt he is the liaison between the business and the government to help resolve this. Reuben thought all the businesses on that street need to go together to the City Commission and make a request together.
- D. Business Visitation:
  - 1. Dennis will contact Yutzy.
- E. Education Classes:
  - 1. Destination Boot Camp: Scholarships to local business owners to participate had been suggested.
  - 2. YEC – Reuben emailed Phyllis Wilson and she said they would participate this year first semester. Reuben suggested ACDA somehow incentivize 5-6 students to participate and in what way to do this. We will need to have Shelley Paasch from Network Kansas come explain the program. It was also suggested that YEC be offered in the Crest School District. Reuben said he would contact them.
- F. Airport Land:
  - 1. Dennis discussed the airport land during his lunch with Chris.

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NONE

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Eileen Burns, Secretary.

**Next meeting date is September 19, 2017 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.**