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Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.

Jasper County Chamber Office
Peoples State Bank Room

124 S Van Buren St, Newton, IL 62448

Attending Scott Bloomberg, Mark Bolander, Anna Hemrich, Evan Fox, Larry Brooks, Andy Johnson, Jason Warfel, Brett Lessley, Doug Weddell, Natalie Hopson, Jack Thompson, Tom Brown, , Mindy Hartke, Ryan Millsap and Ken Larimore

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bloomberg
2. Request amendments to the agenda. None
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mark Bolander, second by Brett Lessley, motion passed.
4. **Guest Speakers: Two representatives from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act WIOA Area 23 presented several of their training and workforce development programs. All the JEDI members attending were amazed about the fabulous opportunities to improve our critically important workforce. Whether schools or manufacturer (anyone with an employee) there were good opportunities to consider.**

"Denise Brinkley is a Career Planner for C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation. She has worked with funding from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for nine years. She works with Youth, Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Trade customers. Through these programs she has helped customers find new employment, return to college, and develop good work skills and habits through the work experience program. She also helps customers with job search, filling out applications, and resume development. Denise is located at Olney Central College, Room 208A. She can be reached at 618.392.7777."



"Robin Kralman is the TRADE Coordinator for C.E.F.S.

Economic Opportunity Corporation. She has worked with funding from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for nine years. She works with the TRADE Program and On-the-Job-Training Program. Through these programs she works with customers that have been laid-off from their jobs. She helps them find employment and return to school. She also conducts job skills workshops and mock interviews. A big part of Robin's job is working directly with employers. Robin works out of the Effingham One-Stop Center. She can be reached at 217.342.4382 Ext.228."

Some of the programs presented.

- A. On the Job Training OJT**
- B. Work Experience Training**
- C. Incumbent Worker Program**
- D. Youth Training and Education**

5. Community marketing program-Doug Weddell
6. Monthly Updates
 - a. Ken Larimore, CED Extension Educator
 - i. JEDI is participating in the CEO class Expo January 20.
 - ii. JEDI needs to follow up on dues for 2017.
 - b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. Eagle Trails ET pledges for river walk phase are needed.
 - c. Jason Warfel, Jasper County Board Member
 - i. Budget should be approved at the Thursday meeting.
 - d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
 - i. Working on funding
 - ii. Volleyball team to state!
 - iii. Many other school successes
7. Comments from those attending the meeting.
8. Motion to close meeting made by Mark Bolander, second by Jason Warfel, and motion passed.

At the December 5th JEDI meeting Trisha Vitale will present the updated strategic marketing plan.