



Meeting Minuets

Jasper Economic Development Inc. (JEDI) Meeting

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.

SPECIAL LOCATION

Newton Community High School

201 West End Avenue

Newton, IL 62448

<http://www.cusd1.jasper.k12.il.us/>

Attending: Andy Johnson, Mark Bolander, Scott Bierman, Brett Lessley, Ken Larimore, Ron Heltsley, Amber Volk, Tom Brown, Doug Weddell, Marlen Harris, Jack Thompson, Jason Warfel, Mindy Hartke, Beth Probst, Larry Brooks, Amber Wakefield, Louis Ochs.

1. Call to order, Chairman Scott Bierman.
2. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes made by Mark Bolander, second by Larry Brooks, motion passed.
3. **TOUR at NCHS.**
 - a. Beth Probst gave a tour of the following areas:
 - i. Room 116 – a room that has had no renovation and to give us a look how the old classrooms were before updates.
 - ii. Cafeteria - showed potential plans of expanding to hold capacity of students.
 - iii. Band Room – pointed out the small space and water spots on the ceiling along with the threat of asbestos in the ceiling and possibly in the old floor tiles.
 - iv. Vocational Building – showed the cramped space and along with needed updates.
 - v. Mechanic Work Shop – Would like to be able to add an additional bay.
 - b. Andy Johnson took us out to the front grounds of the School:
 - i. Showed us the potential of a gymnasium and additional classrooms.
4. Ken Larimore's last meeting with JEDI.
5. Monthly Updates
 - a. Amber Volk, Executive Director
 - i. Spoke with Dustin Smith (Johnny & June's), he is wanting to attend a meeting. Not sure if it will be our November meeting or one more during the winter months.



- b. Mark Bolander, Mayor of Newton
 - i. Thinks it's in our best interests to keep Amber Wakefield handling the marketing / social media. This way we are sure what needs to be done gets completed with our busy schedules.

 - c. Ron Heltsley, Jasper County Board Chairman
 - i. Currently working on next year's budget and will hopefully be done next month.
 - ii. Early voting is currently running, contact Linda Huth (County Clerk).
 - iii. A few people may have randomly received information about vote by mail ballots. More information can be found at the following link:
<https://www.elections.il.gov/Downloads/VotingInformation/PDF/AbsenteeVoting/JasperAbsentee2017ConsolidatedElection.pdf>
 - iv. The next county board meeting will be held on the 11th at 7:00 pm.

 - d. Andy Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
 - i. Thank everyone who made the tour.
 - ii. If any one has questions about the proposed renovations, please feel free to contact him.
 - iii. The school district is as strong as its community.
6. Comments from those attending the meeting.
- a. Amber Wakefield – introduced herself.
 - b. Brett Lessley – The current JEDI Secretary and Vice President have been unable to attend several of the last meetings. Motion to appoint Amber Volk as Secretary and Ron Heltsley as Vice President made by Brett Lessley, second by Larry Brooks.
7. Motion to close meeting made by Louis Ochs, second by Brett Lessley, and motion passed.