

Anderson County Development Agency
Minutes
September 19, 2017

The meeting of the Anderson County Development Agency was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following board members present: Les McGhee, Doug Rockers, Casey Smith, John Wilson and Sandra Zook. Also present: Shelley Paasch representing NetWork Kansas, Dennis Arnold, Economic Development Director, and Susan Wettstein, Community Development Director. Absent: Eileen Burns, Secretary, and Reuben Feuerborn.

Approval of Minutes

John Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2017 as presented. Les McGhee seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

Old Business

CHAFF is dead. The business model for the prospect has changed.

Project STEEL - Real estate agent is working on a prospect. Dennis has connected them with state agency and waiting on response.

Road to Genco - Mike Gencarelli is still looking for help paving the road. This is Second Avenue from Catalpa Street east. We are looking into the possibility of a CDBG and infrastructure grant, but will require Genco to do much of the paperwork. Estimated cost for road is \$80,000-\$90,000. Dennis explained that when Genco entered negotiation to purchase the building part of the discussion was the possibility of having the road paved. Dennis asked Les if the County could help pave the road and his response was that the only way to do it would be similar to the road to the reservoir; that the city provide the materials and the county would provide the labor and equipment to chip and seal the road. Dennis said he thinks it would need to be asphalt but he will make further inquiries. Mike also put a hold on buying the additional building from John Pollock.

Business Visitation - Dennis has not contact Yutzy yet.

Education Classes - Dennis wants to invite Workforce Development from Paola to attend next meeting. They have a number of programs for employee training including paying wages. Dennis will contact them about making a presentation at the next meeting. However, the meeting date will need to change from October 17th to possibly October 24th due to scheduling conflicts. Dennis might invite the Chamber and manufacturers.

New Business

E-Community - Shelley Paasch reported that NetWork Kansas has recently launched their new website. Destination Boot Camp was discussed to send 6 businesses within the community to camp in May of 2018.

New Suspect - Discussion was held on the pros and cons and the realistic availability of infrastructure, employment pool, acreage, water, etc. to pursue Tyson. The consensus of the committee was that it is not feasible.

With no further business to become before the board the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Susan Wettstein.