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MINUTES: Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2019

Westwood Saloon—Grayville, IL

Attendance:

Present:	Absent:
George Bohman	Alex Pleasant
Jonathan Goff	Wes Harris
Roger Pethtel	Kim Carlson
Randy Hallam	Bill Gray
Charlotte St. Ledger	Betty Brian
Jim Brewer	Don Price
Larry Miller	
Rodney Ranes	
Dennis Graves	
Rob Annis	
Joe Judge	
Rob Dean	
Jim Pfeister	
Gary Sloan	
Scott Merkle	
Gerald Edgren	
Brent Maguire	
Steve Hartsock	
Mike Knight	
Roy Kissel	
Andrea Hays	

Guests Present: Rusty Wanstreet- Area Director for USDA Rural Development; Susan Odom- University of Illinois Extension; Kim Watson- Illinois DCEO; Representative Darren Bailey and Cindy Bailey; Steve Erhart- Wayne County Board; Don Wagner-Lawrenceville Mayor; Allen Barker-Olney City Manager; Jackie Carter-White County Chairman; Donald Puckett-White County Vice-Chairman

Introduction of New Board Members and Staff:

New Board Members: Jonathan Goff-Crawford County; Jim Brewer-Lawrence County

Staff: David Savage, Mike Gill, Olivia Baumgardner, new Executive Director-Rileigh Lear, and new Community Development Coordinator-Heather Neuman

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Crawford-Edwards-Lawrence-Richland-Wabash-Wayne-White**

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Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Joe Judge, Board Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Special Guest-

Rusty Wanstreet, Area Director for USDA Rural Development spoke about the upcoming Illinois Rural Reverse Funding Fair to be held on Tuesday, May 7, at the Farm Credit office in Mt. Vernon, IL. Organizations must submit their application by Thursday, April 11 for consideration. Selected organizations will provide an overview of their project to a panel of federal, state, and local government agencies as well as private lenders and local economic development groups. Ultimately, presenting organizations may be offered funding in terms of a grant or loan for their project.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Judge, Board Chairman, asked for approval of September 27, 2018 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Scott Merkle to approve the minutes. A second came from Rodney Ranes and the motion passed.

Approval of October 2018-February 2019 Financial Report

Randy Hallam, Treasurer, asked for approval of the October 2018-February 2019 Financial Report. A motion was made by Randy Hallam to approve the Financial Report as presented. A second came from Jim Pfeister and the motion passed.

Finance Committee-Approval of 2019-2020 Budget

Randy Hallam presented the 2019-2020 budget. Randy Hallam made a motion to approve the budget as presented. A second came from Steve Hartsock and the motion passed.

Executive Committee

Joe Judge noted revisions to the employee policy manual regarding health insurance. Larry Miller made a motion to approve the manual revisions as presented. A second came from Scott Merkle and the motion passed.

Nominating Committee

Jim Pfeister, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the slate of officers: Joe Judge, Chairman; Rob Anniss, Vice-Chairman; Scott Merkle, Secretary; and Randy Hallam, Treasurer. Nominations were requested from the floor. None being heard, nominations were closed and a motion and approve the slate of officers as presented came from Larry Miller with a second from Charlotte St. Ledger. Motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business- None

A motion was made by Scott Merkle to adjourn the meeting and Randy Hallam seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting date will June 27, 2019 at the GWRPC office.