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MINUTES: Board of Directors Meeting

January 16, 2018

GWRPC, Albion, IL

Attendance:

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Joe Judge, Board Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Judge, Board Chairman, asked for approval of October 23, 2017 meeting minutes. Sarah Mann made a note that the date was supposed to be October 19, 2017.

A motion was made by Gary Sloan to approve the minutes. A second came from Jim Pfeister and the motion passed unanimously.

**An EDA Designated Economic Development District
Crawford-Edwards-Lawrence-Richland-Wabash-Wayne-White**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Housing- Olney- We are still taking applications, we have 5 homes that qualify so far. The project will be put out to bid in February/March.

2017 CDBG Grants were submitted the first week of December.

1. Petrolia Water District- (Lawrence County) water line replacement.
2. City of Carmi- septic tank/sewer project
3. Boyleston WaterWorks (Wayne County-Big Mound Township) Water to 7 homes with no public water supply.
4. Bridgeport- Sewer Lagoon Rehabilitation

EJ WATER- David has been attending the EJ water board meetings and we could potentially be working on a project in Claremont Township if the grant is awarded.

USDA/RD- CF Grants

Grayville (Police Car)- awarded.
White County (Ambulance)- submitted
City of Albion (Squad Car)- submitted
Edwards County (Squad Car)- submitted

FEMA PDMP- Completed

Current Projects: Olivia is working to submit Assistance to Firefighter grants by the first week of February. State Fire Marshal grants are due on Feb. 28th. Sarah is working with both Crawford and Lawrence County 911 systems on a grant for equipment that is due at the beginning of February. Sarah is working with City of Carmi on an EDA application for a road project on Industrial Ave. that is due January 31st. Sarah, Olivia and David will be attending a workshop in Bloomington on February 6-7 and Springfield on March 6-7. Sarah and Olivia will be attending an RLF conference in April or May due to major changes to the RLF program from EDA.

Scott Merkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Gary Sloan. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is the will be the Annual Dinner in March 2018 at CoCo's in Lawrenceville.

Approval of October, November, December Financial Report

Randy Hallam, Treasurer asked for approval of the October, November, December Financial Report. A motion was made by Randy Hallam to approve the Financial Report as presented. A second came from Scott Merkle and the motion passed unanimously.

RLF Committee- RLF Committee Chairman, Don Price, presented two loans. The RLF committee met at 5:30 this evening to discuss these loans.

Rebecca Rutledge requested \$30,000 at 3.4% for the purchase of the Attic retail store in Mt. Carmel, IL. The committee requested that she provide 10% owner equity into the project and agreed to lend her \$25,000 at 3.4% for the purchase for the building. GWRPC will have a second mortgage behind First Bank. The GWRPC loan will be for 15 years to mirror the banks. The total purchase price of the company is \$86,000.

Gary Sloan made a motion to approve this loan, Terry McCoy seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Jeremy Babbs requested \$35,000 at 3.4% for the purchase of Pizza and More in Oblong, IL. He will pledge a 1992 Cajun boat, 1992 Heritage boat trailer and 2003 Jayco Eagle Travel Trailer Camper as his 10% owner equity collateral since he is not putting any cash into the project. The purchase price of the business is \$105,000. The loan from the bank will be 70,000 (\$40,000 on mortgage for 20 years and \$30,000 for 7 years). The loan committee agreed to lend \$35,000 at 3.4% for 20 years. The loan will be signed by both Jeremy and Brittany Babbs. Terry McCoy made a motion to approve this loan, George Bohman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Old Business-

NONE

New Business

2017-2018 Budget Revisions were presented. This is the last year of a three year EDA grant so the budget needed to use the remaining funds in the EDA grant. Randy Hallam made a motion to approve the new budget as presented. Charlotte St. Ledger seconded the motion. The motion carried. The new budget total for FY 17/18 is \$184,462.

The EDA Resolution of Support is due with the EDA grant on January 24th. We are required to match \$90,000 for the three year grant. Jim Pfiester made a motion to approve the resolution of support, Scott Merkle seconded the motion. Motion carried. The grant will be submitted for a total project cost of \$300,000 starting April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2021.

Discussion on where to have the Annual Dinner took place. Everyone agreed to CoCo's (The Barn) in Lawrenceville. A date will be selected after contacting the venue.

Executive Director's Report

- **Stronger Economics Together- USDA-** We have held several meetings with State Agencies who provide resources to our area and will continue to work on getting the information out to area businesses and educational institutions.
- **Open CDAP Projects:**
 - Lawrenceville
 - West Salem