

**MINUTES: Board of Directors SPECIAL Meeting**

**February 9, 2017 6:30 p.m.**

**GWRPC Office, Albion, IL**

**Attendance:**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
<b>Roger Pethtel</b>	<b>George Bohman</b>
<b>Randy Hallam</b>	<b>Terry McCoy</b>
<b>Charlotte St. Ledger</b>	<b>Alex Pleasant</b>
<b>Kim Carlson</b>	<b>Steve McMahel</b>
<b>Bill Gray</b>	<b>Bill Brian</b>
<b>Larry Miller</b>	<b>Dennis Graves</b>
<b>Rodney Raness</b>	<b>Gary Sloan</b>
<b>Rob Anness</b>	<b>Jerry Donoho</b>
<b>Don Price</b>	<b>Gerald Edgren</b>
<b>Joe Judge</b>	
<b>Rob Dean</b>	
<b>Jim Pfiester</b>	
<b>Scott Merkle</b>	
<b>Steve Hartsock</b>	
<b>Mike Knight</b>	
<b>Roy Kissel</b>	
<b>David Campbell</b>	

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte St. Ledger, Board Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Approval of Minutes**

Charlotte St. Ledger, Board Chairman, asked for approval of December 1, 2016 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Scott Merkle to approve the minutes. A second came from Joe Judge and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of January and February Financial Report**

Charlotte St. Ledger, Board Chairman, asked for approval of the November/December Financial Report. A motion was made by Steve Hartsock to approve the Financial Report as presented. A second came from David Campbell and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business-** none

**New Business-**

A Resolution of Support is needed for the EDA grant funds in the amount of \$70,000. The resolution must certify that we have matching funds in the amount of 50/50 to receive the extra grant funds. The resolution increases the EDA and GWRPC portion by \$18,372. A motion was made by David Campbell to pass the resolution of support, second by Steve Hartsock. Motion carried.

**Executive Director's Report**

**\*Stronger Economies Together- USDA-** The plan was submitted to USDA and approved! Will receive a \$5000 Seed grant to do a project in the plan. We plan to purchase the Synchronist license which is \$4400 for the region that all economic development directors will use for business retention and expansion visits.

**CEDS-** I am working on the 5-year revised CEDS. The CEDS will be adopted at our meeting in March and submitted to EDA. It must be on public display for 30 days prior to adoption. I will email you the link in February.

**CDAP-** Grants were submitted on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We are submitting Lawrence County (Petrolia Water District), Lawrenceville, Cisne and West Salem for Public Facilities and Robinson for Housing Rehabilitation. They are supposed to be announced around 3/1/2017.

**DRA-** Grayville's Road project is currently under construction at the new industrial park. We received another DRA grant for Grayville in the amount of \$59,700. GWRPC will receive \$2990 in administration for that project.

**Grant Administration- CDAP projects-** Dundas West Liberty has Infrastructure grant. We have a Housing Grant for the City of Olney. We will be taking application for that in February. Letters have been sent to the homeowners that can come to apply.

**FEMA PDMP-** the PreDisaster Plans have been extended to December 31, 2017. Working with SIU has been very difficult.

**Brownfield Grant Update:** We are still working on Phase I and II reports for the region and we are slowly using up all our funding. Phase I reports that have been completed by Terracon: Krumm Building (West Salem), Grayville IP, Hutsonville Old School, City of Olney CIPS Site, City of Olney East IP, City of Olney Benton Site, City of Robinson (Briggs Pottery Site East and West), City of Mt. Carmel (Quality Cleaners), City of Olney (Garment Factory), Olney Main St. Gas Station. Phase II- Briggs Pottery Site East and West, City of Olney CIPS Start site

**IDOT RTP Funds-**The State of Illinois as authorized the IDOT Rural Transportation Funding for 2016-2017. The formula is based on population. We received \$18,275 for rural transportation planning. The project is general planning around transportation for all 7 counties.

**Energy Now-** Funding has been reapproved for the Illinois Energy Now program. We were supposed to be partnering with DCEO and ILARC to provide grant writing services to the region. However, I am not sure we will receive this. I will update when I know more.

**EDA Funding-** Invoices have went out to the 6 cities that will be participating in our dues (\$2500 each). I have also sent resolutions of support to the counties and will send out invoices to them in April.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting date will March 23, 2017. Time and location will be announced.

A motion was made by David Campbell to adjourn the meeting and Steve Hartsock seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.