

Economic Development Advisory Board

February 1, 2022, Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Chair Chuck Goad called to order the regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board at 3:30 PM on February 1, 2022, at Memorial Hall and via conference call.

II. Roll call

The following members were present:

Chair Chuck Goad (17-1)
Vice-Chair Wayne Stephany (18-0)
Paul Yaroslaski (15-3)
Rod Zinn (1-0)
Tabitha Snodgrass (Ex-Officio)
Lisa Wilson (Ex-Officio)
April Nutt (Ex-Officio)

The following members were absent:

Lori Kelley (16-2)
Jason Curtis (16-2)
J.D. Cox (1-1)

The following staff were present:

Kelly Passauer, City Manager
David Cowan, Assistant City Manager
Lacey Lies, Director of Finance
Lydia Collins, Administrative Aide

The following visitors were present:

Tom Simpson

III. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2022

A motion was made by Wayne Stephany to approve the minutes, seconded by Paul Yaroslaski. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Reorganization

- Election of Chair – Chuck Goad.
- Election of Vice Chair – Wayne Stephany.
- Election of Secretary – Paul Yaroslaski.
- Time and Date of Meetings – set the same
- Orientation from City Attorney- City Attorney Jeff Chubb presented rules on decisions and policies and answered questions.

B. Consider changes to the city's Downtown Business District Commercial Building Grant

David Cowan presented the changes that April Nutt suggested. The City is working on providing incentives to owners to develop upper story housing. The source of the funds is in economic development. The grant starts new every year with \$50,000. Fire suppression, electrical and plumbing upgrades are the three new incentives. Every will require every new building owner to put in new electrical systems. April Nutt is working with the City Commission to make the downtown RHID qualified. Chuck Goad recommends that the City Commission allow the funds to carry over annually to a maximum of \$100,000. Chuck Goad moved to support the changes, Wayne Stephany seconded. Motion carried.

V. Items for Discussion

A. Update on Internet Access

- Internet Subcommittee

Wayne Stephany gave the report. The group met with area cities. Coffeyville does their own, competing against Cox. We will visit with Coffeyville more in depth. The consensus was to pool our resources to improve service and hold down the cost. With the State offering assistance with broadband we will work together. A Zoom meeting is being set up on February 7th at 1:00 p.m.

B. Update on Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

Lacey Lies has reached out to the county to have them share their format to mirror that for the City.

C. Update on County's Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone

Charlotte said the county approved participation but not a funding level which she will be taking to the next meeting for \$15,000 which is entry level. This will qualify us for the student loan forgiveness program. Rod Zinn asked about the HUB and if Independence is in that. Lacey Lies said she would look into it.

D. Land Acquisition Subcommittee

Research is being done to either expand the industrial park or have a new industrial park which could involve annexation. J.D. Cox asked if this and the annexation subcommittee should be combined since they overlap. Chuck Goad said not at this time, but it could be looked at again. Chuck suggested meeting at 2:30 on the first Tuesday. March 1st is tentatively set for the first

meeting.

E. Annexation Subcommittee

Kelly Passauer suggested having Jeff Chubb come to the first meeting to explain annexation.

F. Other items for discussion

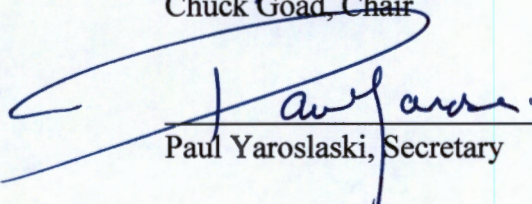
VI. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Wayne Stephany, seconded by Paul Yaroslaski.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved by:



Chuck Goad, Chair



Paul Yaroslaski, Secretary