



Minutes

Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 19, 2018
Conference Room
Global Land Surveying, LLC
601 Franklin Street, Suite 100
Michigan City, IN 46360

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hesham Khalil, Keith Devereaux, Chris Grohs, Esther Guncheon, Skyler York, Bryant Dabney.

Missing: Lester Norvell and Clarence Hulse

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Wilczewski, Zone Consultant, representative from ALCO videotaping the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association, Inc. took place on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the conference room at 601 Franklin Street, Suite 100, Michigan City, Indiana. It was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Hesham Khalil, President. A quorum was present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from February 19, 2018 board meetings was made by Keith Devereaux. The motion was seconded by Chris Grohs. The motion carried and the minutes accepted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Diane Wilczewski, Zone Consultant, reported on the zone activity for the month.

On March 8th there was a workshop on tax abatements and enterprise zone deductions held at City Hall, it was very well attended. Steve McKinney from the IEDC presented. Diane sent out 60 zone packets to the zone businesses reminding them to file their EZB-R forms by June 15th. She's been keeping up with the legislative activity regarding the zone renewal. Additionally there was a grant committee meeting, accounting, and phone calls for the month.

FINANCIALS

Diane Wilczewski announced the following account balances at 3/19/18:

Horizon Bank Money Market Account	\$10,072.57
Horizon Bank Checking Account	\$ 155,647.16
Receivables	\$ 7,056.00

Keith Devereaux motioned to accept the Director's report and claims docket and financial report. Bryant Dabney 2nd second the motion, the reports were accepted, motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was had about the 2018 Business Grant Program around the clarification of eligibility.

Chris Grohs moved to approve the grant application with the addition that the business must be operating within the Michigan City Urban Enterprise Zone for a minimum period of 1 year. 2nd by Keith Devereaux. The motion was approved.

Diane will make the necessary changes to the application and get out a press release by next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Diane Wilczewski reported that the current Urban Enterprise Zone Bill HR 1288 has passed and been signed into law, effective, July 1, 2018. This bill provides that the local governing fiscal body (Michigan City Common Council) can adopt a resolution to renew the zone for an additional 5 years. We will have our lawyer draw up the resolution to be sponsored by Bryant Dabney and bring it to the Council as soon as possible after

July 1, 2018. Currently our zone expires at the end of this year, 2018, once the resolution is passed, the zone will be extended until December 31, 2023.

Additionally, the 1% fee paid by the zone business to the IEDC no longer be required, but the local UEA will be responsible for collecting that and submitting it to the IEDC. The details on the administration of this are still being worked out down state. Diane will report on this at the next meeting with further details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bryant Dabney. The motion was 2nd by Skyler York. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. The next meeting of the Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association, Inc. is set for Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Global Land Surveying, LLC, 601 Franklin Street, Suite 100, Michigan City, Indiana.