



## Minutes

Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 16, 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, David Augustus, Clarence Hulse, Skyler York, Lester Norvell, and Bryant Dabney.

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, July 16, 2018 in the conference room at 601 Franklin Street, Suite 100, Michigan City, Indiana. It was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Hesham Khalil, President. A quorum was present for the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept the amended minutes from the May 21, 2018 board meeting was made by Keith Devereaux. The motion was seconded by Chris Grohs. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Diane Wilczewski, Zone Consultant, reported on the zone activity for the month. There have been several grant committee meetings and meetings with business owners about the grant opportunities. All accounting and administrative functions were

performed for the month. Diane reported that the internet in the office is now nonexistent because of changed to the building. She needs internet access in the office.

### FINANCIALS

Diane Wilczewski announced the following account balances at 7/16/18:

Horizon Bank Money Market Account	\$10,074.25
Horizon Bank Checking Account	\$ 143,833.29
Receivables	\$ 1,290.00

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

Keith Devereaux motioned to approve internet service for the office at \$ 59.00 per month plus costs to set up. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Esther Guncheon. The motion was approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

Chris Grohs reported on the grant committee meeting. There are several new grant applications and a new start-up small business grant to discuss.

Dough Boys, LLC a restaurant has moved and expanded. They are asking for \$7,500 grant for equipment. They moved into the space where the Uptown Cakery had occupied. We previously gave the Uptown Cakery a grant for the same equipment. However, it was decided that this should have no bearing on the Dough Boys request, but it was noted.

Skyler York motioned to accept the recommendation of the committee to approve a grant for Dough Boys, LLC for 50% of \$ 11,326, or \$ 5,663.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryant Dabney, motion approved.

There was another grant request from Morningstar Christian Daycare that was tabled for incomplete grant application.

A discussion was had about setting up a grant program for start-up businesses that have been in business in the zone for less than one year. Several things were mentioned. Diane is to contact Lorri Feldt, the Director of the SBDA to see if her people would review a company's business plan and make a recommendation to us as to whether they

feel the business plan is viable and a good idea to give a maximum \$ 7,500 grant to. If she can do that, our board is willing to give out grant monies to recommended business that are “start-ups” here.

Also, we discussed a smaller grant for start-up businesses for \$ 1,500 with no recommendation needed.

Keith Devereaux motioned to approve a new start-up business grant program of up to \$ 1,500 for new businesses of less than one year in the zone. The maximum appropriated for this grant is \$ 20,000 total for 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lester Norvell. The vote was 7 yes, 2 no. Motion approved.

Keith Devereaux motioned to have Diane begin a conversation with Lorri Feldt about her organization helping evaluate the start-ups business plans. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shem Khalil. Motion approved.

Diane suggested that in order to do some marketing we get a BIG check and take pictures of the businesses that we have helped and put that on Facebook and in the News Dispatch. The board approved Diane to spend up to \$ 200 on that check.

### OLD BUSINESS

Diane mentioned that both Barry McDonnell and Jim Meyer are both working together on the resolution for the zone renewal. It should be ready by our September meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clarence Hulse. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith Devereaux. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association, Inc. is set for Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Global Land Surveying, LLC, 601 Franklin Street, Suite 100, Michigan City, Indiana.