



Minutes – November 10, 2016 – adopted 12.01.2016
Iron County Economic Partnership Board of Directors (ICEP)
ICEP Office, 132 N. Main, Ironton, MO 63650

A regular meeting of the Iron County Economic Partnership Board of Directors was called to order at 5:32 pm. The invocation and a reading of the purpose of ICEP was provided by Nathan M.

Directors present were: Nathan McKie, Tim Sappington, Chris Dinkins, Brian Matt and Gary Lotz. Kevin Perry was not present. Also present were: Sandy Francis, Erich Jett, Brian Parker, Michael Wiseman (Edward Jones) and Darwin Rouse (Arcadia Academy). A quorum was established.

Nathan performed the swearing in of new member of Board of Directors – Gary Lotz. Gary's term will be November 10, 2016 – November 31, 2019.

During the **Public Comments / Questions**, Mike Wiseman provided an update on the ICEP investment accounts. ICEP funds are very well diverse across all the markets, so when the market goes up as it's positioned to do, ICEP funds should do well. Discussion continued regarding the future of the investment fund monies. No decisions were made.

Also during Public Comments, **Darwin Rouse** discussed reporting of requested information. He asked for confirmation that the information will be kept confidential. Nathan advised that this information is absolutely kept confidential.

Darwin also advised of a new venture they are getting ready to do. The gymnasium will be converted over to become the Arcadia Valley Opry. Darryl Worley is scheduled to do a concert in February and the cost to bring him in is high. Darwin will probably bring a proposal to the board for a one time help with expenses for this concert.

As of the end of October 2016, 55,000 people have been served at Thee Academy this year. Darwin added that many of their customers are from out of town. Darwin and Katherine believe the funding provided by ICEP to assist Arcadia Academy was a good investment for the area, employing a lot of people and shopping locally with other businesses and he thanked the board for the assisting them.

Erich Jett provided a written report regarding an update on **Grant Applications**. RVRA (River Valley Region Association) has agreed to become an intermediary for ICEP to be able to accept grants to assist in projects that ICEP cannot do directly. Bill Bennett is the president of RVRA. Darwin added that under Bill's leadership as president, RVRA has a very stable board. Members of the board are: Bill and Linda Bennett, Tom and Brenda Morello, Steve Schulte, and Darwin and Katherine Rouse.

The revised Mission Statement for RVRA allows for: tourism, environmental improvement, economic development, community development and entrepreneurship. Real estate transactions may be able to be included under entrepreneurship. RVRA continues to be a not-for-profit organization, which will allow for monies to be funneled between them and ICEP for funding projects.

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Federal Land Access Program has been slow going, but is still in progress. Jim Scaggs was able to get the delay resolved just today. This will allow for much needed improvements to Iron County roads and access points.

Nathan mentioned that during a recent meeting with Congressman Jason Smith, Representative Paul Fitzwater said to let him know if we need any assistance with the Missouri Moves grant process. Erich added that this should be resolved (monies released) once the new Governor takes office.

Approval of October 6, 2016 Regular Meeting and November 4, 2016 Special Meeting. Minutes were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Nathan asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October 6th minutes. Hearing none, Brian M. made a motion to approve the October 6th minutes as presented. Nathan seconded the motion. All directors approved, motion passed.

Nathan asked for any corrections or additions to the November 4th Special Board Meeting. Hearing none, Brian M. made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from November 4th. Tim S. seconded the motion. All directors approved, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – September and October documents were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Buckley was able to get both this month since the regularly scheduled meeting was pushed back a week. During a review and discussion of the report from Buckley Accounting & Finance, it was requested that Sandy contact Buckley to ask for the heading on the last column to be changed to "Remaining Balance" instead of Over/Under Budget. This was somewhat confusing to decipher when reviewing for monies available in each category. Accounts payable and Credit Card expenses were reviewed.

Old Miner's Days final payment request was emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Tim S. for Sandy to make this payment. Brian M. Seconded the motion. Documentation was provided and Sandy advised they have met the requirements and the \$500. request should be paid. All directors approved, motion passed.

Investment Committee – No report at this time.

Report on Amtrak Project was emailed to the board prior to the meeting. Discussion of recognition for ICEP's contribution to the project. Sandy will follow up with Carol K. for information / details.

Related projects, infrastructure requirements, etc. There are two individuals working together on a rental car business. They have the insurance secured. SEED\$ is still working with them to get everything set up for the rental car business.

Marketing Alliance Website Development – Sandy lead the discussion of the new website status. Several updates have been made and can be viewed at: <http://ictsf.calevir.com>. Some pages will be hidden from public view until they have the information completed.

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Discussion of new email format. Instead of purchasing another domain name to shorten the email addresses, Sandy recommended using first initial and last name with the new website extension: @exploreironcountymo.com. No further discussion. Sandy will proceed with getting email set up.

Elephant Rocks Visitor Center – Nothing new to report. Kevin mentioned at the last meeting he's had some communication with Bill Bryant regarding a budget line for water to be run from Pilot Knob Water to Elephant Rocks State Park. Chris recommended that Nathan contact Representative Fitzwater for assistance to talk to Bill Bryant for an update on this information.

Recommendations, findings or other issues addressed in the Invest in Iron County report. - Brian M. suggested that we take a look at the Invest in Iron County Report and review the time line for projects. Sandy will send out the link with the minutes for directors to review prior to our December board meeting. Nathan will meet with Sandy before the December meeting to discuss the report and work that has already been done and what needs to be done.

There being no further agenda items during open session, a motion was made to go into closed session by Tim S. at 6:32 pm. Motion seconded by Brian M. and passed unanimously.

At approximately 7:30 pm the Board came out of closed session.

No votes were made in closed session.

Discussion of December meeting related to board members, officers and grant period. Directors will be voted on at the December meeting. Swearing in of new directors and election of 2017 officers will be done at the annual meeting in January (1/5/17).

The only restriction on officers is connected to president. A person may serve no more than two consecutive years as president. After one-year out of that office, said person may be re-elected to the position of president.

A grant program should also be voted on and announced at the December meeting.

At approximately 7:40 pm there was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gary and seconded by Brian M. The motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Tim Sappington, ICEP Board Secretary