

Iron County Economic Partnership Minutes – Open Session DRAFT
Thursday, November 9, 2017 - ICEP Offices, 132 N. Main St., Ironton, MO.

Open Session

A regular meeting of the Iron County Economic Partnership Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 pm by Tim S. A reading of the purpose of ICEP was provided by Tim S. and invocation was offered by Nathan.

Directors present in person were: Nathan McKie, Tim Sappington, and Gary Lotz in person. By phone - Brian M. A quorum was established. Also present: Sandy Francis (by phone), Brian Parker, Jim Scaggs, Michael Wiseman (Edward Jones), Chris Dinkins, September Bennett and Bill Bennett.

Motion was made at 5:39 pm to go into closed session for purposes of interviewing September Bennett to fill a vacant board position. Motion made by Gary and seconded by Nathan. All directors approved, motion passed.

Guests stepped outside of the board room during the interview process. Ms. Bennett was interviewed by the board and then asked to step out while the board voted. Call for vote was made by Tim S. Nathan made a motion to elect September Bennett as a director for the Iron County Economic Partnership Board. Gary seconded the motion. All directors voted yes. Motion carries.

Motion was made to return to open session and invite guests back to the meeting at 6 pm by Brian M. Nathan seconded the motion. All directors voted yes. Guests returned to the meeting and September Bennett was asked to join the other directors at the table as she was unanimously voted to fill a vacancy on the board.

Public Comments/Questions: Mike Wiseman was asked to review the ICEP financial investments. The market remains very strong with both accounts up for the year. The market forecast still looks good for continued growth. He has no recommendations for change to either account.

There were no other public comments.

Update regarding Grant Applications and Commercial Lending Operations and Partnerships – Erich Jett was not present, but had emailed his reports to the board prior to the meeting. Nathan will follow up with Erich regarding potential bank partnerships.

Approval of September 14, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Gary, second by Nathan. No discussion. Motion carries 4-0

Treasurer's Report – Monthly financial information was reviewed and discussed including the financial statement from Buckley Accounting and Accounts Payable prepared by Sandy. There were no non-budgeted invoices to approve. Gary made a motion to approve the budget; seconded by Nathan. All directors voted yes, motion approved 4-0.

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OnCell Ap (& tourism map) Update discussion: Bill Bennett provided a final version of the tourism map by email to Sandy immediately prior to the meeting. She will forward it to the board. Bill is working on an application for the ap stores. Bill reported low response from businesses at AV School and ICEP office meetings advertised to get their information for the Ap. Once it's active, he will visit businesses to show them how it works and get them signed up.

There was no information for discussion regarding **Invest in Iron County Report**.

Audio Visual Conferencing is tabled. The new speaker / microphone purchased works good and video conferencing isn't currently needed.

New Business – Website updating was discussed. Sandy will check into SEO issues and make sure areas needing updated get done in a timely manner.

New Business Continued: Arcadia Valley Commercial Open House is scheduled for 9/28/17. The starting point will be the ICEP office. Nathan will represent ICEP, Janey Radford will represent SEED\$. The banner has been placed near Fisher Furniture because of higher traffic expected for events around Shepherd Mt. during Battle Reenactment weekend.

Adjournment to Closed Session – At 6:58 pm, the board voted to go into closed session. Motion was made by Nathan, seconded by Gary. By roll call vote: Nathan, Gary, Brian M. and Tim voted yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Return to Open Session

Decisions made during closed session to be announced.

Change to ICEP By-Laws, section 4.8.7 - In no event shall less than six (6) Directors reside in Iron County and in no event shall less than one (1) Director reside in each of the census tracts located in Iron County. (This change was made in order to make the guidelines for directors less restrictive and to help fill vacant positions on the board.)

Approval for purchase of an iPad to be used for board Treasurer. The device will remain the property of ICEP.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. All directors voted yes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Lotz, ICEP Board of Directors Secretary