

Iron County Economic Partnership Minutes – Open Session DRAFT
Thursday, February 15, 2018 - 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 6:32 pm by Nathan McKie.

Directors present in person were: Nathan McKie, Gary Lotz, Brian Matt and September Bennett. Others in attendance were: Mike Wiseman, Mike Mayberry, Brian Parker, Bill Bennett, Chris Sisk, Erich Jett and Connie Reed. Sandy Francis was present via phone.

Public Comments:

Mike Wiseman provided a report on the investment funds. The economy is in very good shape and he feels good about 2018. Wiseman recommended combining the two accounts. **Motion was made by Brian Matt to join the two accounts. Seconded by Gary Lotz. All voted Aye. The motion carried.**

Mike will get this change made to combine the accounts.

Erich Jett advised he's waiting on USDA funding to become available and monitoring state and federal level grant opportunities.

Bill Bennett reported to the board that the tourism maps weren't as receptive as he had hoped so he sized them down to fit on a 8 ½ x 14 sheet. RVRA memberships are \$50/year. There are currently 22 paid memberships and Bill is working on getting more. The OnCell Ap is up and running. Bill continues to reach out to Iron County businesses to be included – free for the first year (paid by ICEP).

The RVRA website is being reduced from 13 websites to 1, saving over \$1,000.00 annually. An application has been made to the Missouri Department of Tourism for reimbursement of \$5,000 for the new website. RVRA submitted an application to ICEP for the cost of the website and provided one bid. Chris Sisk, website designer providing the bid, provided additional information.

Discussion of concerns regarding promoting counties not participating in the cost on the RVRA website; i.e. Reynolds County, Crown Pointe Golf course in St. Francois County, and Desoto Missouri Trails in Jefferson County.

Bill Bennett was asked to provide a copy of the letter sent to businesses in Iron County and the businesses that will be contacted. Gary Lotz and September Bennett will review the list for potential new businesses to contact. Discussion continued regarding offering free RVRA membership for the 1st year to new business members in Iron County.

ICEP Board will discuss the application during closed session. This matter will need to be voted on at the March board meeting.

Motion was made at 7:13 pm to go to closed session by Brian Matt. Seconded by Gary Lotz. All voted Aye. The motion carried.

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Decisions made during closed session to report during Open Session:

Connie Reed was offered the position of part-time Administrative Assistant for ICEP. Offer was accepted and Connie will start her new position on Monday, February 19, 2018.

Mike Mayberry was interviewed for a vacant seat on the ICEP Board of Directors for the Annapolis Census Tract 9502. Mike was voted in after this interview and accepted the role of ICEP Board of Directors member. Term to start immediately.

Minutes of the January 4, 2018 meeting were emailed to the board prior to the meeting. During discussion there were no changes or additions. **Motion was made at 8:15 pm by Gary Lotz and seconded by September Bennett to accept the January 4, 2018 minutes as read. All voted Aye. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

- Buckley's financial report was emailed to the board just prior to the meeting. Sandy Francis and Brian Matt provided additional information regarding 2018 budget and general bills. Decisions made: The water bill will continue to go to Sandy until the ICEP office is moved to the Iron County Courthouse. Discussion of a PO Box for future mail was discussed. **Motion was made by Nathan McKie and seconded by September Bennett to have Connie open a P.O. box for all future mail. All voted Aye. The motion carried.**

After discussion, the following changes will be made to the Great Southern Bank Checking Account and online banking: add Connie Reed, those remaining will be: Nathan McKie and Brian Matt. **Motion made by Gary Lotz and seconded by Mike Mayberry. All voted Aye. The motion carried.**

No discussion or anything to report regarding **Invest in Iron County** and no **New Business**.

Motion made by Gary at 8:33 pm go into to regular Closed Session. By roll call vote, directors Nathan Mckie, Gary Lotz, Brian Matt, September Bennett and Mike Massey vote Aye.

Returned to Open Session at 9:55 p.m. There were no decisions made during the regular Closed Session meeting to report.

Other Open Session Business - Motion was made by Gary Lotz and seconded by September Bennett to transfer \$13,000 from Edward Jones Investment account to the checking account to pay board approved funding agreements and regular budget expenses. All voted Aye. The motion carried.

Motion was made at 10 pm to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Lotz - ICEP Board Secretary. Iron County Economic Development