

**Macon County Economic Development Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
MCED Office  
March 21, 2024**

*Members Present:* Jill Williams (Board President), Dana Ulmer, Matt Stieger, Rusty Neill, Stacy Moots

*Members Absent:* Tracy Vincent (Vice President), Rachel Richardson, Mary Lou Craig, Brian Gray, Zach McLeland, Ansh Atriwal, Chamber Director Sharon Scott

*Others Present:* Heather Murphy (Grimshaw and Associates), Sarah Middleton

The Macon County Economic Development Inc. held their regular monthly meeting at the MCED office.

**Call to Order:** President Jill Williams called the meeting to order at noon. She introduced Sarah Middleton who will be taking minutes for the meeting.

**Approval of February Minutes:** The minutes from the February meeting were sent electronically for review. No corrections noted.

**Approval of February Financials:** The financial statements from February were sent electronically for review. Discussion was held regarding member donations that have not been received for 2024.

**Board Members List / Update:** Jill updated the board on recent communication received from the County Commissioners indicating they did not vote as a group to approve the candidate who had previously attended our meetings. Jill and Sharon Scott held a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss this issue and the IDA. The Commissioners are currently looking for someone to fill the seat. They also discussed the IDA and the difficulty with the current process for loan approval/collection of monies. Jill asked for a list of the IDA committee members from the commissioners so that she and Sharon can meet with them to develop a formal process for the Macon Economic Development and the IDA committee outlining the responsibilities of each party. Jill and Tracy Vincent had a meeting with Mayor, Tony Petre. They discussed the possibility of the City to offer insurance benefits to the Macon County Economic Development employees. This would be a contractual arrangement only if needed for recruitment. There could also be the potential for renting space in City Hall for an office. Jill asked Mayor Petre to provide estimated costs for the board to review.

**Director Search Update:** Matt Stieger, Jill Williams, and Tracy Vincent have interviewed several candidates. They recommend Laura Bradshaw to fill the Executive Director position. Laura is originally from Macon and graduated from Macon R-1 School. Laura has over 12 years' experience in financial institutions and government agencies as well as experience in strategic business development and networking. Rusty Neill motioned to move forward with sending an email vote to offer the position to Laura Bradshaw. Matt Stieger seconded. Jill will send out the email vote.

**Committee Meetings:**

- **Finance / Loan:** Jill Williams discussed the CD at MA Bank that will mature on 4/13/24. It will be renewed within the tier range already established.
- **Housing:** Jill forwarded an email to Zach McLeland regarding a housing opportunity. Stacy Moots asked that the email be sent to the housing committee as well.
- **Membership / Marketing:** No update
- **Development/ Industrial Park:** No update

Rusty Neill stated that Jim Simon, Tracy Vincent, and himself are still working to move forward on a trails project. Jill Williams introduced the group to Dan Martin. Dan established the FLATS trail in Kirksville.

Rusty also made the group aware of a movie being filmed in Palmyra, Missouri. The movie titled FLYOVER and is about the Modern Midwest and the tight knit community and the values of a small community.

**Adjourn:** With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.