

**Macon County Economic Development Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
MCED Office
February 20, 2025**

Members Present: Jill Williams (Board President), Dana Ulmer (Vice President), Matt Stieger, Rusty Neill, Zach McLeland,
Members Absent: Rebecca Miller, Ryan Johnson, Aaron Schumann, Allison Evans
Others Present: Laura Bradshaw (Director), 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: Vice President Dana Ulmer called the meeting to order at noon.

Introduction of: Allison Evans, Director of Veterans Cemetery – has been appointed to fill the City of Macon Board Seat. Allison is unavailable until March.

Approval of January 2025 Minutes: The minutes from the January 2025 meeting were sent electronically for review. Zach motioned to approve the minutes. Dana seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of January 2025 Financials: The financial statements for January were sent electronically for review. Heather stated that there is a CD coming Due in April. Rusty moved approval of the financials. Zach seconded. Motion carried.

Appointment of 2025 President Due to Ryan's Resignation: Ryan moved to the Board of Public Works and has resigned from our Board. Jill stated that she would continue as President if no one else was interested. Matt moved to approve Jill as President with Dana Ulmer as Vice President. Rusty seconded. Motion carried.

Bank Resolution: Zach moved to remove Traci Vincent and Frank Grimshaw from all financial accounts. Jill Williams, Laura Bradshaw and Heather Murphy will remain as authorized signers. Dana seconded. Motion carried.

Annual 990 Filing – Jill shared that the 990 is on the board portal for review. She also inquired about a whistle blowing policy and a records retention policy. Laura will check files from the previous Director. Discussion was also held about saving documents electronically that need to be retained. Tech Soup is a software program that can be utilized by non-profit organizations. Laura will research options.

Project Update – Sherry from the State Economic office visited. Working on the ConAgra announcement and two additional projects. One is a 10 million investment in Macon County. Will bring 12-15 jobs. Location has been purchased. The second is an out of state company interested in Macon. This opportunity would hire approximately 10 employees.

IDA Update: Loan application submitted was approved. Macon Diversified was approved for a grant. CCDC has submitted a grant and waiting to hear back. Received information on a new private transportation service for medical appointments. Jill stated that she would like to visit with this individual as there is a need for patient being transported home from the ER on many occasions.

Directors Report – Laura gave her monthly report. She attended the Financial Reserve Bank for Underserved Counties, which Macon qualifies for. They plan to host two additional round tables at Hannibal and Macon. Macon round table will be held on March 31st at the Country Club. MO CARES – Ag Ready, doing a video. Once produced the video will be on the MO Farmers Cares website but can be used for other things.

Economic Summitt – City counsel has 2 projects. Two local businesses are needing additional assistance. One needs more containers and more roll-offs. Working on Membership perks – Would like businesses that are members to see a value to being a member. Created marketing materials for this roll out. Hudson Township – Rick Sterling with the Hudson township road district said no culvert will be put in but said he will help with access or fill in some areas.

Open House for the new City Administrator will be March 10th from 3-6. Mailing first quarter invoices to members.

Committee Meetings:

- **Finance / Loan:** No update.
- **Housing:** Submitted a counteroffer on a piece of property. Requesting a list of contractors from the city. Need a scope of work, timeline, quality bid process. Ryan attended the meeting regarding the land purchase where the Economic Development agreed to pay any costs associated with the sale of the land. Bevier also has 21 lots cleared from a grant. Discussion was held regarding utilizing the Vo-Tech to build houses.
- **Membership / Marketing:** Drafted a 2-page brochure with pictures. Membership needs to be a value to the businesses. Would also like to see the IDA Loans be given to members. Working with MA Bank and Ecommerce to hold workshops. Would like to have the information available for the March 10th open house.
- **Development/ Industrial Park:** Working with a potential buyer on one of the lots.

Insurance Renewal – The insurance renewal for \$2,792.00 was reviewed. Rusty moved to approve the renewal as presented. Matt seconded. Motion carried. Zach abstained from the vote.

E-mail Domain – Laura will investigate the email domain being set up with an alias so it will direct people back to the economic development site and not Chariton Valley.

Adjourn: With no other business Dana motioned to adjourn the meeting. Matt seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.