

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Western Illinois Economic Development Authority
March 10, 2016
Jacksonville, Illinois**

Members Present

H. O. Brownback, Cass County
Bob Bucher, Fulton County
Wendy Butler, CMS Designee
Terry Dennison, Morgan County
Monte Graham, Governor's Appointment
Robin Johnson, Warren County
Mike McLaughlin, Adams County
Shawn Rennecker, Pike County
Bob Schafer, Scott County
Ed Teefey, Brown County
Ken Walker, Mason County

Members Absent

Dustin Berg, Hancock County
Tiffany Cole, Governor's Appointment
Tom Doran, Henderson County
Matt Jennings, DCEO Designee
R. Matt Plater, Schuyler County
L. Scott Schwerer, McDonough County
Hubert Staff, Governor's Appointment

Others Present

Andrew Hamilton, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting and all previous meetings. The motion carried. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

Ordinance No: 16-001 – An Ordinance Expanding the WIEDA EZ for Alsey Refractories, Alsey, IL (Scott County) - Alsey Refractories Company, located at 266 State Route 106 South, Alsey, Illinois, is a privately held refractory manufacturing company that supplies high temperature refractories to industrial processes and residential fireplace construction industries. Alsey was founded in 1906 and over the years has grown to be a prominent supplier of high quality refractories. On the residential market side, Alsey manufactures and sells fireplace brick and high temperature mortar to enable firebox construction. These products are sold nationwide thru a distributor network of building supply dealers. On the Industrial side, Alsey Refractories Company specializes in manufacturing higher temperature firebrick for such industries as steel, Glass, aluminum, petrochemical, cement, and incineration. These products are either private labeled for other refractory manufacturers or sold thru refractory distributors and contractors throughout North America. Alsey continues to grow by expanding and diversifying its product line in the higher end more technical refractory brick. Recently Alsey completed a \$3,000,000 expansion that included 20,000 sq. ft. of added production and raw

material storage, an automated 20 bin batching system, additional higher tonnage presses, additional mixing capacity, elevated mezzanine in-plant offices and a breakroom/meeting facility. All of this is enabling Alsey Refractories Company to be the preferred supplier to many OEM's as well as be able to provide a broader product offering to an existing industrial customer base. The company recently completed a \$3,000,000 expansion and will create 8 new jobs. Staff recommends approval of the extension to assist the company.

Thereupon, Chairman Brownback presented and read the ordinance. It was moved by Member Bucher and seconded by Member Dennison to approve the ordinance as presented. Discussion took place. Chairman Brownback directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the ordinance. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: H. O. Brownback, Bob Bucher, Wendy Butler, Terry Dennison, Monte Graham, Robin Johnson, Mike McLaughlin, Shawn Rennecker, Bob Schafer, Ed Teefey and Ken Walker. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members voted PRESENT: None. The following members were ABSENT: Dustin Berg, Tiffany Cole, Tom Doran, Matt Jennings, R. Matt Plater, L. Scott Schwerer and Hubert Staff. WHEREUPON, Chairman Brownback declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, and did direct the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Authority.

Ordinance No: 16-002 – An Ordinance Expanding the WIEDA EZ for Marshall Chevrolet, Winchester, IL (Scott County) - Marshall Chevrolet Co. located at 9 West Cross Street, Winchester, IL 6294 has been a Chevrolet retail dealer in Winchester for 85 years since 1931. Jay Rueter and his brother purchased the dealership from the Marshall family 31 years ago. On January 3, 2016 a tragic fire destroyed the main building which included the show room and body shop at Marshall Chevrolet in Winchester, IL (Scott County). Some cars were damaged including a forklift and six to eight customer vehicles. The Company is planning on rebuilding the show room and body shop, as well as purchase equipment for a total project cost of \$1,250,000. Project is expected to retain the Company's existing 29 jobs. Staff recommends approval of the extension to assist the company.

Thereupon, Chairman Brownback presented and read the ordinance. It was moved by Member Bucher and seconded by Member Dennison to approve the ordinance as presented. Discussion took place. Chairman Brownback directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the ordinance. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: H. O. Brownback, Bob Bucher, Wendy Butler, Terry Dennison, Monte Graham, Robin Johnson, Mike McLaughlin, Shawn Rennecker, Bob Schafer, Ed Teefey and Ken Walker. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members voted PRESENT: None. The following members were ABSENT: Dustin Berg, Tiffany Cole, Tom Doran, Matt Jennings, R. Matt Plater, L. Scott Schwerer and Hubert Staff. WHEREUPON, Chairman Brownback declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, and did direct the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Authority.

Volume Cap Award Governor's Office \$3,000,000 - Staff has been notified of the award of \$3,000,000 in volume cap for WIEDA. The Authority filed a carry-forward, which makes it eligible to be used over the next three years for housing projects. The Executive Director, recognized the award was a direct result of the efforts of Andrew Hamilton II. No action was taken.

Resignation of Board members – Staff informed the Board that the WIEDA Treasurer and Board Member Kai Schnitker and Tom Doran, WIEDA Secretary have tendered resignation. Both members have served since 2006 and have been excellent members. The board thanked both members for their service on the WIEDA board and directed staff to express the Authority's gratitude.

Election of WIEDA Officers – It was moved and seconded to elect H. O. Brownback ad Chairman, Hubert Staff as Vice-Chairman, Bob Bucher as WIEDA Secretary and Mike McLaughlin as WIEDA Treasurer. Following discussion, the motion carried.

With no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Bucher, Secretary