

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Western Illinois Economic Development Authority
February 15, 2018
Jacksonville, Illinois**

Members Present

H. O. Brownback, Cass County
Bob Bucher, Fulton County
Terry Denison, Morgan County
Sal Garza, DCEO Designee
Robin Johnson, Warren County
Mike McLaughlin, Adams County
Terry Pope, Hancock County
Shawn Rennecker, Pike County
Bob Schafer, Scott County
Josh Potts, CMS Designee
Ed Teefey, Brown County
Ken Walker, Mason County

Members Absent

Tiffany Cole, Governor's Appointment
Monte Graham, Governor's Appointment
Mac McClland, Chair, Schuyler County
Brad Flatt, Chair, Henderson County
L. Scott Schwerer, McDonough County

Others Present

Andrew Hamilton, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 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 July 20, 2017 meeting and all previous meetings. The motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was suspended.

Ordinance No: 18-001 – A Preliminary Inducement Resolution on behalf of Monmouth College in an amount up to \$6,700,000 – Staff presented the project. Monmouth College is planning a \$6,700,000 rehabilitation of Grief Hall located at 320 North Ninth Street, Monmouth. The building is a colonial-style brick structure that was constructed in 1940. It has three floors and a partial basement, and the gross square footage of the building is 24,199. The building is used as a residence for freshmen women and can house approximately ninety students. The building has been maintained, but it has not seen any upgrades since its original construction. As a result, many of its systems are tired and a facelift is needed. For example, the building is not air-conditioned, and the bathroom configurations offer little privacy. The building is used to house freshmen women, but many prospective students find the building unappealing.

Monmouth College, founded in 1853 by the Presbyterian Church is a four year private, residential liberal arts college offering majors in natural science, social science, arts and humanities. The college is located in Monmouth, IL that has a population of 9,900 with an enrollment of approximately 1,200 students from 35 countries. The initial construction of the college took place during the eve of the Civil War where President Wallace made a decision to move forward with

continued funding to build the College. The College has a 112 acre campus which includes a 33 acre nature preserve and athletic park and a six acre educational garden The total project is \$6,700,000 and retain 200 jobs.

Thereupon, Chairman Brownback presented and read the ordinance. It was moved by Bob Bucher and seconded by Mike McLaughlin 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, Terry Denison, Sal Garza, Robin Johnson, Mike McLaughlin, Terry Pope, Shawn Rennecker, Bob Schafer, Josh Potts, Ed Teefey and Ken Walker. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members voted PRESENT: None. The following members were ABSENT: Tiffany Cole, Monte Graham, Mac McClland, Brad Flatt, and L. Scott Schwerer. 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.

Resolution No: 18-002 – A Resolution Regarding the Scheduling of Meetings 2018 & 2019 -

Staff present the Resolution. It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried.

Election of Officers for FY 2018 – The Board of Directors annually elects the officers of the Authority. It was moved and seconded to elect, H.O. Brownback – Chairman, Bob Bucher – Vice-Chairman, Mike McLaughlin – Secretary and Ken Walker – Treasurer. Following discussion, the motion carried.

With no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike McLaughlin, Secretary