

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Western Illinois Economic Development Authority  
March 12, 2015  
Macomb, Illinois**

**Members Present**

H. O. Brownback, Cass County  
Bob Bucher, Fulton County  
Wendy Butler, CMS Designee  
Tom Doran, Henderson County  
Monte Graham, Governor's Appointment  
Mike McLaughlin, Adams County  
R. Matt Plater, Schuyler County  
Shawn Rennecker, Pike County  
Kai Schnitker, Morgan County  
L. Scott Schwerer, McDonough County  
Ed Teefey, Brown County  
Ken Walker, Mason County

**Members Absent**

Tiffany Cole, Governor's Appointment  
Matt Dickinson, Hancock County  
Robin Johnson, Warren County  
Jim Schultz, DCEO Designee  
Bob Schafer, Scott County  
Hubert Staff, Governor's Appointment

**Others Present**

Matt Nadlinger, Consolidated Grain  
Amanda Rousonelos, Henderson County  
Peter Rousonelos, Henderson County  
Vannie Keever, Jr., Henderson County  
Andrew Hamilton, Executive Director  
Andrew Hamilton II, Assistant to the Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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 January 15, 2014 meeting and all previous meetings. The motion carried. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

**Resignation of Board Member Sorrells** - The board received a letter of resignation from Mervin Sorrells, Jr. Staff wishes to thank MR. Sorrells for his service to the WEIDA board. It was moved and seconded to reluctantly accept the resignation. The motion carried.

**Resolution No: 15-003 – A Final Bond Resolution on behalf of Chaddock in an amount up to \$10,000,000** - Staff presented information on the project. The Authority approved a Preliminary Inducement Resolution at the January 2015 meeting. The final bond resolution is being presented for consideration.

Thereupon, Chairman Brownback presented and Secretary Doran read the resolution. Member McLaughlin moved and Member Plater seconded that the resolution as presented and read be adopted. Discussion took place. Chairman Brownback directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the resolution. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: H. O. Brownback, Bob Bucher, Wendy Butler, Tom Doran, Monte Graham, Mike McLaughlin, R. Matt Plater, Shawn Rennecker, Kai Schnitker, L. Scott Schwerer, Ed Teefey and Ken Walker. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members voted PRESENT: None. The following members were ABSENT: Tiffany Cole, Governor's Appointment Matt Dickinson, Robin Johnson, Jim Schultz, Bob Schafer, 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: 15-004 – An Ordinance Extending the Western Illinois Enterprise Zone on behalf of Natures Grace and Wellness, LLC (Natures Grace)** - Staff presented information on the project. Natures Grace is considering building a cultivation facility located at 230 East Van Fossen Road, Vermont, IL located wholly within Fulton County. The facility will be used to cultivate medical cannabis. The total project is estimated to cost \$6,000,000, of which \$4,000,000 will be to construct the cultivation center. Project will create approximately 30-100 jobs and retain 50-100 jobs.

Thereupon, Chairman Brownback presented and Secretary Doran read the ordinance. It was moved by Member Bucher and seconded by member Plater 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, Tom Doran, Monte Graham, Mike McLaughlin, R. Matt Plater, Shawn Rennecker, Kai Schnitker, L. Scott Schwerer, Ed Teefey and Ken Walker. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members voted PRESENT: None. The following members were ABSENT: Tiffany Cole, Governor's Appointment Matt Dickinson, Robin Johnson, Jim Schultz, Bob Schafer, 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: 15-005 – An Ordinance Extending the Western Illinois Enterprise Zone on behalf of Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. (Consolidated Grain)** - Staff presented information on the project. Consolidated Grain is considering a \$3,000,000 investment at their grain handling and storage facility in Gladstone, Illinois. This investment will increase the facility's capacity to take grain from local farmers and elevators. The project will include adding handling equipment (conveyors) to carry grain away from upright storage space and put it into long-term flat storage buildings.

Thereupon, Chairman Brownback presented and Secretary Doran read the ordinance. It was moved by Member Bucher and seconded by member Plater 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, Tom Doran, Monte Graham, Mike McLaughlin, R. Matt Plater, Shawn Rennecker, Kai Schnitker, L. Scott Schwerer, Ed Teefey and Ken Walker. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members voted PRESENT: None. The following members were ABSENT: Tiffany Cole, Governor's Appointment Matt Dickinson, Robin Johnson, Jim Schultz, Bob Schafer, 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.

With no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Doran, Secretary