

Minutes
May 15, 2007

Greene County Economic Development Group, Inc.

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm. In attendance: Sandra Schmidt, Kelly Smith, Joe Clark, Rick Keim, Don Roberts, Wilma Chappee, Sandy Gross

Minutes of last meeting were approved by Joe Clark and seconded by Rick Keim.

Treasurers' report: \$292.54 in the GCEDG account and \$179.00 in the Alms House Fund. The report was approved by S. Schmidt and seconded by Joe Clark.

Chairman's Report

1. April 23, met with Mike Cavanaugh, West Central Development Council and Jack Price, Economic Development Administration Chicago Regional Office. Basically the meeting was for economic developers who had projects they wanted funded. Two projects were presented which the WCDC will write grants for and submit. The WCDC writes grants for infrastructure projects. Greene Co. pays dues to WCDC annually. This group wrote the grants for rural water in our county and provides the county with an annual list of available grants. We will now be receiving this information.
2. April 24, attended the Reverse Foreign Trade Commissioners Reception in Springfield. It was an opportunity to review the information booths that other counties, cities and/or companies presented. It was also an opportunity to network.
3. April 28, attended the Regional Steering Committee Meeting in Carlinville. It was decided at that meeting to move forward with a Regional Mapping Project comprised of four sessions, one in Greene Co, Macoupin Co., Jersey Co. and Litchfield. The purpose of this project would be to have business become involved (and buy into) creating a regional group whose interests would be to develop the Tri County and Litchfield area specifically.
4. May 10, attended the ICOVA Conference in Oakbrook. ICOVA stands for Illinois Conference of Volunteer Administration. It is part of the mandatory continued development training for VISTA; however, it is not just for VISTA's. Several organizations were represented. The conference was informative and uplifting.

Updates

- Business Survey Committee pushed their deadline to the end of May.
- BG report: Don Roberts moved and Wilma Chappee seconded the motion to hire Greene County Graphics and Design to create 2000, 4 inch circles of BG in bright yellow on a rich green background.
- By-Laws: Kelly Smith moved and Sandra Schmidt seconded that a change be made to the terms of office. The Officers and Board of Directors will hold a term of two years. With the Directors being voted in on alternating years to maintain continuity.

New business

- C&C Consulting donated \$250.00 toward the BG campaign. Joe Clark, owner, challenged other businesses and financial institutions to match his gift.
- Business Plan Committee has been formed to create a budget and a plan to present to banks and other financial groups. Members are Sandra Schmidt and Mark Dugger.

Discussion Notes

Sandy Gross said that she would discuss with the Carrollton Chamber of Commerce about matching C&C Consulting's donation. Wilma Chappee mentioned that she might match the gift also.

The location of the meeting can be moved to your community .If you have the room and the desire, please contact Sandra, Sylvia or Kelly with the details.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 2007, 6:30 pm U of I Extension Office, Carrollton.