

Two Rivers Regional Council

Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Location: TRRC Brown County Office, Mt. Sterling

Governing Board members present:

Theresa Bockhold	John Heidbreder	Lynn Smith
Max McClelland	Ryan Niekamp	

Governing Board members absent:

Michael Boren	Kaye Iftner	Jed Parn
Jason Garthaus	Carri Martin	Rebecca Weed
Roger Hannel		

Others present:

Mike McLaughlin	John Bright	Howard Kirchner
Don Amsler	Charles Bell	

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Lynn Smith, in the TRRC Brown County Office. Roll call was taken by Howard Kirchner and there was no quorum. The Governing Board minutes from the January 8, 2015 meeting were approved by a consensus of the board members present.

Executive Director's Report. Mike said that he had been in Springfield to meet with DCEO Program Managers and Accountants. Wendy McDonald resigned on February 9 and had moved to Texas. Charles Bell completed the EDA grant application and it was submitted on April 2. John Heidbreder asked about the lease for Calvary Tabernacle, Mike said it will be completed soon. Pete Pohlman has conducted an energy audit at TRRC and has identified many fixtures that need to be replaced. Five grants are being suspended by State of Illinois; it is not expected that those funds will return.

The Executive Director's Report was accepted by the members present.

Skip Bright presented the **FISCAL REPORT**. He had reports from the TRRC Consolidated Account, the Two Rivers Foundation, and each department by grant. He said that payroll was approximately \$20,000 every two weeks. The board members agreed to accept the fiscal report.

WEATHERIZATION REPORT was given by Don Amsler. Don stated that there are 19 houses to complete by June 30, the contractors are on track to complete the home repairs and improvements.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT REPORT was given by Howard Kirchner. There is still WIA funding for dislocated workers and youth; all funding for low-income adults has been obligated. Workforce is working with JWCC Adult Ed on a bridge program with vocational training to help the participant obtain employment. The office is still working with employees from Quincy Compressor, the initial layoff of 50 employees was March 31. The Workforce Office met with the JCPenny employees on February 10, and the store closed on April 4. The JTED Grant was one of the grants suspended by the State of Illinois, there is approximately \$33,000 remaining to be spent in the grant. Howard has received initial information on the JTED/SNAP Employment & Training Program announced by USDA. Illinois is one of the states targeted with a statewide grant of \$21.9M. RFAs will be announced soon and TRRC will be applying for some of the funds. LWIA 14 is one of the 6 targeted areas in the state for these funds.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT was given by Mike. The IHDA grants are some of the ones suspended. The Assets for Independence Grant is in need of applicants to participate in the program.

REVOLVING LOAN REPORT. Charles said that he was working on updating software and restoring passwords. Big River Fish has made a payment of \$38,000, they are now in a lawsuit with a former DCEO employee. Big River would like to have payments reduced during the winter months.

Meeting reports were accepted by a consensus of the members present.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – No Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE – No Report

Old Business - Chair proposed these board members be appointed to the following committees;

Personnel 2015

1. Kaye Iftner, Chair
2. Peggy Perry
3. Ryan Niekamp
4. Lynn Smith
5. Carrie Martin
6. Rebecca Weed

Finance and Building 2015

1. Michael Boren, Chair
2. Lynn Smith
3. John Heidbreder
4. Jed Parn
5. Rodger Hannel
6. Theresa Bockhold

Mike proposed that the board members consider reducing the board to a total of fifteen members. He also suggested having a full board meeting each quarter as required by the by-laws and committee meetings during the two intervening months.

Due to lack of a quorum there was no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS. The Calvary Tabernacle has approached Mike about doing the lawn care at 1125 Hampshire. He has received some additional quotes with Kramer Lawn Care the best price on mowing.

Mike presented some numbers concerning the cost of the buildings in Rushville and Mt. Sterling. Each site has limited usage.

Resolutions were not acted upon due to a lack of a quorum.

OTHER BUSINESS. None

PUBLIC INPUT. None

EXECUTIVE SESSION. None

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.