

## **PCEDA June 14, 2018 Monthly Board meeting minutes**

Present: Marti Roberts, Rich Pluta, Russ Hoover, Emory Yoder, Dawn Lowe, Patti McLaughlin, Greg Gordon, Paul Rudy, John Gerner, Morgan Tressler, Jim Fuller

Excused Absence: Mike Lawler, Duane Hertzler, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Brenda Watson, Derek Whitesel, June Reisinger,

Unexcused: none

**Meeting called to order** at 8:04 a.m. by Chair Marti Roberts.

**Public Comment:** Jason Finnerty, Perry County Planner, noted that 44 land development plans have been submitted for approval in the county so far this year. Two examples he highlighted are a welding operation in Tyrone Township and chicken facility on Albright farm in xxx Township. Mr. Finnerty mentioned that the county is working with Duncannon Borough as they apply for a PennVest loan to improve sewage facility, and with Newport Borough and Oliver Township for its sewer plant upgrade. Jason shared information on a projects survey that needs to be completed by June 22. Michelle will work with him to complete it.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes of the Board's May meeting had been circulated to all Board members prior to the meeting. Patti McLaughlin made a motion to accept the minutes and Russ Hoover seconded the motion. Dawn Lowe added amendment that she was an excused absence and Morgan Tressler was present for the May meeting. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Russ Hoover posted the Treasurer's report to drop box for all Board members to review and discussed some of the details regarding that report. John Gerner proposed a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Morgan Tressler seconded that motion. The motion was approved.

**Chair report:** Marti Roberts was asked by the state's Department of Agriculture to report about the impact of Spotted Lantern Fly infestation on rural businesses like forestry, wineries, and hops growers. Press conference was held at Riverbend Brewery. State Representative Keller's office has identification cards and hotline number for reporting potential infestations.

Ms. Roberts reminded the Board of the upcoming branding identity feedback session between the project's steering group and Muldrow scheduled for June 20th. Link to the presentation made at the end of the information gathering work conducted May 22-25 had been provided to all Board members. The intent of the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> is to provide comments on the video and discussed the branding products, possible rollout ideas and timeline. The possibility of using the Perry County Fair as a venue to formally rollout the proposed brand was discussed in some detail. Patty McLaughlin made a motion that the PCEDA formally accept the branding presentation and to move forward with this concept. Frank Campbell seconded the motion and the motion was approved. With regard to paying the consultant for the work completed to date, Ms. Roberts reported that she had discussed the use of USDA grant funds to pay for this work, should the grant be awarded to us. Ms. Roberts said that the USDA representative had assured her that any payments made with PCEDA funds after the grant request had been submitted could be credited as part of the local contribution to this overall effort.

Ms. Roberts provided a briefing on her recent presentation to the Perry County Commissioners on PCEDA activities year to date. A request for a year to date budget (through June 11, 2018) was received. That report has been prepared and circulated publicly.

**Staff report:** Michelle Jones reported that she and Rich Pluta had worked with a local entrepreneur to prepare a business plan using the software PCEDA recently purchased and that the Bank of Landisburg approved a loan based in part on that business plan. Two more individuals are interested in using this software to prepare business plans for their prospective businesses.

Ms. Jones advised that the first full review of the County Comprehensive Plan has been completed and that future review meetings with Jason Finnerty will now be held quarterly.

Ms. Jones reported on the recent meeting with Shaun Donovan regarding CREDC and the services it has to offer to the county and businesses in the area.

Ms. Jones discussed Return on Environment sessions.

**Old business:** None

**New Business:** Board Member Christie Young submitted a letter of resignation since she is in the process of moving out of the county. Paul Rudy made a motion to accept Ms. Young's resignation with regrets and thanks, Dawn Lowe seconded the motion. The motion was approved. A letter will be sent to the County Commissioners advising of this resignation.

Frank Campbell advised of a planned SEDA COG meeting that Commissioner Brenda Benner will be attending that involves decision makers about a potential dairy processing plant in the area. Several potential sites for such a facility have been identified. Previous discussions about PCEDA developing a database of properties available for development or redevelopment and the use of the County's GIS database was again noted. The practicality of sites in the county has been enhanced due to the potential for bringing in compressed or liquified natural gas.

John Gerner noted that one of the activities spelled out in our USDA grant request talks about convening Opioid roundtable. Marti Roberts explained that it is a follow up to last year's round table and some costs were used as a match for the USDA RBDG grant. Rich Pluta reminded everyone of the recent opening of Hamilton Health in Howe Township and that this represents the first opioid treatment option in the county.

**Adjourn:** Rich Pluta made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Morgan Tressler seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.