

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denny Hummer, Greg Cole, Dean Girton, Lance Diehl, Harold Hurst, Susan McGarry, Chris Young, Al Neuner, Dr. John DeFinnis, Jennifer Wakeman (Executive Director)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trevor Finn, Dan Knorr

GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Snyder, Karen Blackledge, Aidan McDonald (Intern), Tim Hippensteel (Office/Project Manager)

The meeting was called to order by Denny Hummer at 8:34 a.m.

MINUTES:

- September 4 Regular Board Meeting: Motion by Dean Girton to accept the September 4th, Lance Diehl seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer Wakeman presented the Treasurer's Report. On the balance sheet, she noted that the trust account was back up to over \$1,000,000.00. Relating to the office building renovation expense, the final retainage will be paid in October.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Al Neuner, seconded by John DeFinnis; carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jennifer Wakeman gave the Executive Director's Report. Lots 6 & 7 of the Columbia County Business Park are scheduled to close on October 7th.

Project Lodestone is moving forward. Karen Hackman is working with the attorney for the other party.

The finance committee is working on budgeting for 2020. There is a committee meeting on October 25th. A budget will be prepared for the board to review at the November meeting and put up for vote in December.

Jennifer attended a forum held by Dan Meuser in Shamokin on Federal Opportunity Zones.

DRIVE and the Chamber held a municipal meet-up that had a few attendees and some very productive discussion on the challenges that municipal organizations face.

Next Gen is launching a Healthcare Partnership with UPMC, Geisinger and Evangelical.

Jennifer met with Thomas Caffrey of the Governor's office.

Jennifer attended an economic forecast breakfast that was held by Fulton Bank.

The rail siding construction of the multi-modal project is set to be completed in November. It will take place over eight days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property Committee:

The property committee received proposals for the painting of the exterior of the office building. It is their recommendation to go with 360 Painting. The price for the bid as well as the bid alternate will be \$13,060.

Motion to approve 360 Painting bid and bid alternate to do the exterior painting of the office building made by Al Neuner, seconded by Chris Young; carried unanimously. Susan McGarry abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

A consultant is to be hired to create a forward-thinking plan for the region. DRIVE will be contributing up to \$10,000.00 for the cost of the consultant.

Motion to approve of DRIVE contribution no more than \$10,000.00 toward the cost of the consultant for the forward-thinking plan for the region made by Lance Diehl, seconded by Greg Cole; carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Business Park press event with CCIDA to commemorate the closing of the final lots of the Columbia County Business Park will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 1:00pm. The CCIDA meeting will follow the event.

The DRIVE Open house will be held on Thursday, October 17th from 4-6pm.

Denny Hummer adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am.

NEXT MEETING: The DRIVE Board meets again on November 6th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the DRIVE Office at 418 Railroad Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Girton, Secretary

