

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NRED) BOARD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 4:30 PM

Jackson County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Call to Order (4:30 PM)

Members Present: Beckman, Carrier, Legan, Maxwell and Mulholland
Members Absent: Rodewald

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6541](#) Approval of August 25, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Mulholland, seconded by Carrier, to approve the August 25, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communications

The County Administrator commented to the board that with the new infrastructure bill that was recently passed, the Resource Coordinator has been looking for grants available for the Natural Resource board. She also noted that Brian Chapman had been appointed to the board and that he would be able to attend the next meeting in December. Carrier questioned what kind of natural resource background Chapman had. Legan commented that he used to be on the Jackson County Board. Maxwell questioned the discussion of creating by-laws and how the board could have a say in the selection of NRED board members. Mulholland suggested that the board members contact the County Board members and attend County Board meetings. Legan questioned which committee the NRED board reported to and whether it would be more effective to report to the Real Property committee or to the full County Board.

Old Business

- II. [21-6542](#) Organizing Document Discussion
The board began discussion of whether creating by-laws and/or a mission statement were necessary. Legan commented that the board should look for a focus or mission. Carrier noted that having a more defined focus was important and that board structure could come later. He also noted that if the board decided to focus on a specific project, it needed to be prepared to dedicate time and energy to complete that particular project. Maxwell suggested prioritizing and seeing what the needs of the board were before applying for specific grants. She noted that this would ensure the board is being dictated by a project and not a specific grant. After more discussion, the board decided to focus on the GIS project they had been working on concerning inventory of land, water, trails, etc. in Jackson County. Maxwell noted she would contact the County Parks Department in McClean County for more information. The board decided this would be the topic at the next meeting.
- III. [21-6543](#) Meeting Place
The committee decided to meet at Carbondale City Hall for future meetings. The County Administrator commented that the Sheriff's Office could be used as a back up if City Hall wasn't available.
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New Business

- IV. [21-6544](#) Election of New Chair
No chair was decided. This item will go to the December agenda.
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Adjourn (5:42 PM)

Carrier moved and Beckman seconded to adjourn, motion carried.