

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NRED) BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 4:30 PM

Dial in Number (US) 1-312-584-2401 meeting id: 1378275#

OR

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Call to Order (4:32 PM)

Members Present: Beckman, Carrier and Tanner
Members Absent: Maxwell

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-6005](#) Approval of April 21, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Carrier, seconded by Beckman, to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communications

- II. [21-6006](#) Southern Illinois Tourism Article
This article was presented to the board as informational only.
- III. [21-6007](#) Open Appointment
The County Administrator noted that the final open appointment had been filled. Tanner asked what the board needed to do to increase the number of members to seven. The County Administrator commented that the item would be put on the Executive Committee agenda in June and then once passed would go to the full County Board for approval at the June meeting.
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Old Business

- IV. [21-6008](#) Outreach Update
An update was given on the outreach information that had been received by the County Board office. Tanner asked if an update could be emailed out to the board on who had not responded to the survey.
- V. [21-6009](#) GIS Update
Beckman commented that he had reached out to Prairie State Conservation Coalition to help with the GIS the board is working on creating. Tanner noted that he had an email request in to the forestry department at SIU and is waiting response. Carrier commented that he would reach out to a professor in the geography department at SIU (get his contact information and report back to Tanner) to partner with someone who has a skill set in GIS technology.
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New Business

- VI. [21-6010](#) Future In-Person Meeting Place
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With meetings returning to in-person, the board decided to meet at Touch of Nature in Carbondale.

Tanner asked again about increasing the number of board members to seven. He has someone in mind that he feels would be a great fit for the NRED board. Beckman asked if this would increase the number needed to have a quorum and the County Administrator noted that they would then need four people present to make a quorum rather than the three they currently need. She also reiterated that the item would be placed on the June Executive Committee agenda and once approved, moved to the full Board meeting in June.

Adjourn (4:59 PM)

Beckman moved and Carrier seconded to adjourn, motion carried.