

Natural Resources Economic Development Board Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2023 5:30 PM
Carbondale Main Street, 121 S. Illinois Ave. Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order

(5:30PM)

Present: Legan, Apgar, Layne, Maxwell, McMorrow-Hunter, Mulholland
Also present: Kevin Lister

Approval of Minutes

I. 2023-619 Approval of October 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mulholland, seconded by McMorrow-Hunter, to approve the October 23, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

Reports

II. 2023-620 GIS

Legan updated the new NRED members that the committee was working with the County to produce a GIS module on the county's website. He commented that the NRED committee had identified 58 recreational sites in the county that are being cataloged with GPS coordinates so citizens who visit the county's website will have a description of the site, where it is located, and how to get in and out of the site. Legan also reported that at this point in time, they had the data and were waiting until the county was ready to log the data into its new GPS system.

Old Business

III. 2023-621 Bike Path Plans

Legan commented that there are two existing bike path plans that NRED could potentially help update in the future. The committee discussed the potential that updated plans would have on tourism and the general quality of life for citizens in the county.

IV. 2023-622 Outdoor Recreation Survey

Legan reported that the final analysis from the survey was not available as of this meeting. He also commented that he was waiting until the December County Board meeting to discuss the final results of the survey with the County Board. The committee discussed the preliminary results of the survey with the new members. The committee also discussed different funding options for future projects and mentioned that if several entities could work together on the

projects and funding efforts, some of the higher priority projects could be completed much quicker than if the NRED committee worked alone to acquire funding and people to perform the work. The discussion brought up the idea of a community event that would help educate people on the results of the survey and would allow the recreational owners and organizers to work together and start communicating about the resources that are available for funding. The committee discussed the idea and agreed with the plan.

New Business

V. 2023-623 Approval of Payroll Expenses

No payroll expenses were presented.

VI. 2023-624 Approval of Miscellaneous Expenses

Legan requested approval for expenses for the software used to record each meeting. A motion was made by Mulholland, seconded by Layne, to approve Mr. Legan's expense reimbursement. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Good and Welfare

Lister made a few comments on the preliminary survey results. He commented that until he read the report, he was unaware of many of the recreational sites listed for the county. He noted that he felt the NRED survey was important for the county. The committee briefly discussed ways to get information to the residents in and out of the county.

Adjourn

(6:13pm)

A motion was made by Mulholland, seconded by Layne, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.