

Natural Resources Economic Development Board Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024 5:30 PM
Carbondale Main Street, 121 S. Illinois Ave. Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order

(5:30pm)

Present: Legan, Apgar, Mawell, Mulholland

Absent: Layne, McMorrow-Hunter

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-189 Approval of January 22, 2024 Minutes

A motion was made by Maxwell, seconded by Mulholland, to approve the January 22, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

Reports

II. 2024-190 Google Recreation Map-Phillip

No update was given.

Old Business

III. 2024-191 Bike Path Plans: Antero Group

Legan and Maxwell discussed the success of their trip to Chicago to speak with the Antero Group. Maxwell commented that this group works with communities and groups and makes recommendations regarding marketing and branding to help promote tourism in specific areas/communities. Legan commented that this group was working with Kinkaid Lake to update their master plan, and noted that he was pleased with their work so far. Maxwell discussed the idea of working with local entities such as SI Now to help NRED with planning to help serve the outdoor economic market in Jackson County, then possibly going back to the Antero group with a more defined scope of work. Legan discussed funding avenues for NRED, commenting that he would have discussions with Carrie Minnis from Greater Egypt later in the week. Apgar questioned what the priorities of the group were. Legan ended the discussion by commenting that this would be an ongoing conversation for the NRED group.

IV. 2024-192 Recreation Survey

Legan commented that at the recreational summit he attended last week, he was asked by several people to use the survey NRED had created.

V. 2024-193 IDNR/NRED Memorandum of Agreement

No update was given. Legan commented that he would be in touch with the State's Attorney's office to follow up on the MOU.

VI. 2024-194 Recreational Bus Route

Legan commented that the Jackson County Mass Transit was doing some internal restructuring. He commented that he had a call scheduled with the director on April 1st to further discuss a recreational bus route plan.

New Business

VII. 2024-195 Approval of Payroll Expenses

No payroll expenses to approve.

VIII. 2024-196 Approval of Miscellaneous Expenses

A motion was made by Mulholland, seconded by Apgar, to approve miscellaneous expenses for Legan in the amount of \$28.16. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Good and Welfare

Maxwell mentioned the Dirty South Roubaix 2024 bike race that would held in Alto Pass, IL on Saturday, March 2nd.

Adjourn

(6:10pm)

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