

Natural Resources Economic Development Board Meeting
Monday, July 22, 2024 5:30 PM
Carbondale Civic Center, Room 118, 200 S. Illinois Ave. Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order

(5:30pm)

Present: Legan, Apgar, Brown, Carrier, Maxwell, McMorrow-Hunter, Mulholland

Also Present: Drew Kazenski, Andrew Staff

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-594 Approval of April 29, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Maxwell, seconded by Mulholland, to approve the April 29, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

Reports

Old Business

II. 2024-595 IDNR/NRED Memorandum of Agreement

Legan commented that he had spoken with the regional land manager regarding the IDNR/NRED Memorandum of Agreement and a timeline of completion. Legan noted he was confident he would hear back soon.

III. 2024-596 Recreational Bus Route

Maxwell commented that Jackson County Mass Transit had taken over Saluki Express, and they are in the process of transitioning. She noted they were working on public engagement and route minimization. Legan reiterated his idea of creating a weekend bus route to help with public access to outdoor recreation sites. Carrier spoke about his visit to Colorado and what they were doing to help with outdoor recreation and public transportation.

New Business

IV. 2024-597 Board Officers

Legan suggested that NRED needed a vice-chair to help with meetings in the future. He commented that the group could bring back suggestions next month for a vote. Maxwell commented that she would be interested in the position. A motion was made by Carrier,

seconded by Mulholland, to elect Molly Maxwell to the position of vice-chair of the Natural Resource Economic Development board. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. 2024-598 Drew Kazenski, BHA "Illinois Stream Access Issues"

Kazenski greeted the board and commented that his group, BHA, is focused on public lands across the nation, making sure that those lands stay clean and wild for future generations. Kazenski discussed challenges in maintaining access to Illinois' waterways, including differing interpretations of public water laws by the state and federal government. He noted that BHA has been trying to focus on the issue and make it known. The group discussed the challenges of enforcing laws related to public waterways and promoting recreational opportunities on private land.

VI. 2024-599 Approval of Miscellaneous Expenses

No expenses to approve for July.

Good and Welfare

Adjourn

(6:13pm)

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