

Natural Resources Economic Development Board Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2024 5:30 PM
Carbondale Main Street, 121 S. Illinois Ave. Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order

(5:30pm)

Present: Legan, Mulholland, Carrier, Brown, Apgar

Absent: Maxwell, McMorrow-Hunter

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-793 Approval of August 26, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Mulholland, seconded by Carrier, to approve the August 26, 2024, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

Legan commented on a communication from Maxwell regarding a letter in support of the city of Carbondale's funding application for the Mud Line Road extension. Legan noted he had signed the letter and Maxwell had sent it to the proper department.

Reports

Old Business

II. 2024-794 Boat Ramp and Park - Turkey Bayou

Legan and Carrier discussed with the group a potential project of a boat ramp for Turkey Bayou. The group discussed various things, including the challenges faced due to the area being silted in, the Forest Service's proactive approach to starting projects when funding becomes available, the potential for grant funding for boat ramp projects and the involvement of the Forest Service and local friends groups, and that the Forest Service might be more responsive to funding requests if they are tied to navigable waterways. Legan commented on the potential for volunteer work to complete the concrete work on the boat ramp. The group also discussed plans to meet with Chad Deaton, who is in charge of recreation at the Forest Service, at the upcoming recreation summit to discuss the boat ramp project.

III. 2024-795 IDNR/NRED Memorandum of Agreement

Carrier updated the NRED Board that he had spoken with Calvin regarding the IDNR/NRED Memorandum of Agreement. He commented that Calvin made a point to ensure the project was moving forward and that it was currently with legal waiting for their approval.

IV. 2024-796 Recreational Bus Route

Legan commented that he has not had a response from the director of Mass Transit regarding scheduling a meeting in November to review the idea of the recreational bus route. Legan noted he would be taking the item off the agenda until further notice.

New Business

V. 2024-797 Moving Forward

The board discussed the potential for various projects, such as an archery range on the Reed Station Road property that Jackson County currently owns. The board also discussed the challenges of using the property due to its location in a floodplain. Legan commented that he would pass the information on to the County.

VI. 2024-798 Approval of Miscellaneous Expenses

No expenses to approve this month.

Good and Welfare

Adjourn

(6:00pm)

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