

Natural Resources Economic Development Board Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025 5:30 PM
Carbondale Main Street, 121 S. Illinois Ave. Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order

(5:30pm)

Present: Legan, Maxwell, McMorro-Hunter, Apgar, Brown

Absent: Phillips, Mulholland

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-395 Approval of February 24, 2025, Minutes

A motion was made by Maxwell, seconded by Brown, to approve the February 24, 2025, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

Reports

Old Business

II. 2025-396 IDNR/NRED Memorandum of Agreement/ Update

Legan communicated to the group that the IDNR/NRED Memorandum of Agreement was not approved and that, going forward, any projects will be handled on an informal case-by-case basis.

III. 2025-397 JAX Recreational Bus Route Kick-Off

Legan discussed with the group that the JAX recreational bus route was approved and that a test run to kick off the route would be available at the beginning of summer. He also noted that there would be a stakeholder meeting early next month to discuss other ideas, signage, and promoting the route on social media. The group had a brief discussion regarding the route's challenges and Carbondale's commitment to the project. Legan also discussed plans to send out a survey for the stakeholder meeting to determine the best dates and times.

IV. 2025-398 Jackson County Bike Plan Funding Discussion

Legan began a discussion regarding the Jackson County Bike plan and potential staff support from Greater Egypt. Maxwell commented on ongoing bike plan meetings with local municipalities and the feasibility of a larger study for a regional bike plan. The group continued the discussion with thoughts and comments regarding signage, establishing camping spots for through bikers, and the different routes of the bike trail.

New Business

V. 2025-399 Approval of Miscellaneous Expenses

No expenses were approved this month.

Good and Welfare

Legan mentioned the Outdoor Recreation Summit at Touch of Nature would be Friday, March 28th.

Adjourn

(6:00pm)

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

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