

## **Grow Licking County CIC**

Board of Directors Special Meeting  
April 6, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Present: John Carlisle (9:31 AM), Mike Compton, John Fisher, Duane Flowers, Patrick Guanciale, Mark Johns, Jim Lenner, Lauren Massie, Jennifer McDonald, Dan McVey, Mike McFarland, Robert O'Neill, Rick Platt, Jim Roberts, Joseph Robertson, and Nate Strum and Stephanie Bosco

Excused: John Fisher, Mike McFarland, Joseph Robertson

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Chair Dan McVey.

Mr. Platt motioned to excuse absent members; seconded by Mrs. McDonald.

Chair McVey recognized guests. Those in attendance: Deb Mohr, Southwest Licking Schools Board Member.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Dan McVey provided an update on the final draft of the employment contract for the executive director of GROW Licking County CIC (handout).

The board of directors discussed the final draft, as well as the timing and need of the contract given the economic impact of COVID-19.

Mr. Platt motioned to table the discussion regarding the contract. Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called with 9 voting "No" and 2 voting "Yes". The motion did not pass.

Discussion among the board of directors continued in regards to voting on the current draft contract, and the financial impact of COVID-19 on the organization.

At 9:30 AM Mr. O'Neill exited the meeting.

Mr. Johns motioned to authorize and direct the chair of GROW Licking County CIC, Dan McVey, to execute with signature, the contract with the executive director by 5 PM today. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. Roll call vote was called with 8 voting "Yes" and 2 voting "No". The motion passed.

At 9:31 AM Mr. Carlisle joined the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

## Finance & Strategy

In Mr. Robertson absence, Mr. Strum provided projections of COVID-19 financial impact to GROW (handout).

### Additional Items for Discussion

1. Expanding the Mission: Mr. Strum provided an update on activities/assistance being offered to Licking County employers and investors.
2. SBA Assistance: Mrs. McDonald provided information on the SBA Assistance loan program for small businesses/non-profits (handout), and the work the Chamber is doing to assist small business members. GROW staff will provide this information to investors.
3. Other Topics by the board: the board of directors discussed areas of response to COVID-19, including:
  - a. BRE efforts – contacting businesses to provide assistance based on need
  - b. LC Works campaign – connecting to state and local job lead resources
  - c. Tracking stimulus funds and when/if available to businesses

Mr. Compton announced that he will resign his board seat, effective immediately. He commended Mr. Strum for his work with GROW LC. He stated that he planned to invite Mr. Strum to the next Council meeting so that he can present to new members. Several board members thanked Mr. Compton for his service.

### Comments from Citizens

None.

### Items for Action

As noted above.

Mr. Johns moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 AM.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2020, 9 AM, The Energy Cooperative, 1500 Granville Rd., Newark, OH

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Massie, Secretary