

# Grow Licking County, CIC

## Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Cheri Hottinger.
  - a. Clifford Mason made a motion to excuse Robert O'Neill, Roney Murphy, Jennifer Chrysler and John Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin Tschanen; all approved by voice vote.
2. Welcome
  - a. Rick Platt reviewed and data and information regarding the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority.
3. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Stuart Moynihan, City of Newark Economic Development Coordinator, Licking Co. Commissioner Duane Flowers and Kent Mallett of the Newark Advocate.
4. Minutes from October 20, 2014 meeting submitted for approval by Secretary Mark Johns.
  - a. Motion to approve by Jerry Newton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clifford Mason; approved by all with voice vote.
5. Chairman's Report – Cheri Hottinger
  - a. Infrastructure Discussion
    - i. Cheri and Jerry are working to schedule a meeting with Pataskala.
  - b. Operational Agreement
    - i. Cheri reported the county commissioners have decided to continue support of GLC for the next three years, and the agreement should be signed soon.
  - c. Nominating Committee Report – Patrick Guanciale
    - i. Motion made by Patrick Guanciale to appoint GLC officers for 2015 as: Chairman – Rick Platt, Vice-Chairman – Mark Johns, Treasurer – Dan McVey, Secretary – Jim Lenner. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bubb; approved by all with voice vote.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee – Patrick Guanciale
    - i. Written profit & loss report was reviewed. Motion to accept report as presented made by Dan McVey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clifford Mason; approved by all with voice vote.
    - ii. Budget for 2015 reviewed
      1. Tim Bubb said Patrick has been a driving force behind getting new sponsors.
      2. Jerry Newton asked if the 2015 amount budgeted for Legal Fees would be enough, given that more was spend from that category in 2014. It

was explained that some one-time only expenses drove that figure higher in 2014.

3. Rick Platt mentioned that it would be fair and appropriate for board members who travel in 2015 on Columbus 2020-sponsored trips be reimbursed.
4. Motion made by Erin Tschanen to approved 2015 budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Platt; all in favor by voice vote.

b. Marketing Committee – Rick Platt

- i. Did not meet prior to GLC board meeting, and 2015 plan was already in place.

7. Director Report – Dan Evers

- a. Written report reviewed and approved.

8. Other Items

a. 2015 Meeting Calendar

- i. January's meeting will be held in Johnstown location to be named later.
- ii. Duane Flowers suggested a meeting in 2015 take place at C-TEC or a high school in the county.

b. Project Prepare / November 19 Event / Foundation Funding

- i. Cheri discussed some area employers feeling a need to find more skilled employees in the area, and a group has been working to help address that through Project Prepare.
  1. One phase of the project is to get high school students excited manufacturing. Licking Valley and Heath are two pilot school districts for this. Teacher and student meetings have been held.
  2. The other phase is to train adults for positions. Funding for training has been discussed and we want to establish a scholarship fund through the Licking County Foundation. Southgate has made a financial commitment toward that end, and GLC would have a committee to oversee the fund disbursements.
- ii. Mark Johns discussed the details of the November 19 visit of Hendrik Barkeling from the German Embassy in D.C.

- c. Jim Lenner said the groundbreaking for Apex will be Nov. 25 at 2 p.m.

- d. Jerry Newton presented information about a bike path extension near Goosepond.

9. Comments from Citizens

- a. Duane Flowers said the Village of Hanover has a flag which has the original coat of arms for Hanover, Germany. He will work to make it available for the Nov. 19 visit from Herr Barkeling.
10. Having no other items to discuss, Cheri Hottinger adjourned the meeting. Next board meeting is on January 26, 2015 at a to-be-determined location in Johnstown beginning at 9 a.m.