

Grow Licking County CIC

Board of Directors Meeting
July 15, 2019

Location: Village of Johnstown – 599 S. Main Street, Johnstown, OH

Present: John Carlisle, Mike Compton, John Fisher, Duane Flowers, Mark Johns, Jim Lenner, Lauren Massie, Jennifer McDonald, Dan McVey, Robert O'Neill, Rick Platt and Jim Roberts. Present also: Nate Strum and Taylor Lovell

Excused: Patrick Guanciale, Mike McFarland, Joseph Robertson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Jennifer McDonald.

Mr. Platt motioned, seconded by Mr. Compton and unanimously approved by the directors to excuse absent members.

Jim Lenner welcomed directors and provided an update on the Village of Johnstown, including the development of CIC and joint Park and Recreation district, the expansion of Crow Works, Apeks Supercritical, and the development of the Business Enterprise Center.

Chairman McDonald recognized guests. Those in attendance: Vicki Maple, COTC; Diane Petri, AEP; and an additional guest.

The minutes of the May 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed. It was motioned to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. McVey. The motion passed.

Chairman's Report

Chairman McDonald reviewed the following documents with the directors:

1. Lease Agreement between Murphy Group Inc. Landlord and Grow CIC
2. Amended and Restated Designated Agency Agreement and Operational Agreement for Grow Licking County CIC, a three (3) year contract
3. Grow Licking County CIC Employee Handbook
 - a. Mr. Platt requested that the reference to "Executive Committee" be changed to reflect "Current Officers of the Board of the CIC"

Mr. Fisher motioned, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to adopt the Amendment to Sunshine Laws Clause in Grow Licking County Code of Regulation. The motion passed.

Mr. O'Neill motioned, seconded by Mr. McVey to approve the Lease Agreement. The motion passed.

Mr. Johns motioned, seconded by Mr. Compton to approve the Agency Agreement and Operational Agreement, contingent on Port Authority, Licking County, and Chamber respective board approvals; Ms. Massie called the roll and all present approved.

Mr. Compton motioned, seconded by Ms. Massie to approve the Grow CIC Employee Handbook. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance & Strategy

In Mr. Robertson's absence, Mr. Strum reviewed the May financials as presented.

Mr. Carlise motioned, seconded by Mr. Johns to accept the financials as presented. The motion passed.

Marketing

Mr. Johns reviewed the MIST scholarship and employer commitments. Mr. O'Neill suggested involving local manufacturers to get involved in advocating for scholarship contributions. Ms. Massie suggested reaching out to Steve Noth, chair of the Manufacturer's Council. Mr. Johns will distribute a list of potential employer contributors and has requested that the board let him know who they will contact.

Next marketing committee is scheduled for August 2019.

Mr. Flowers left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Infrastructure

No update provided.

Director's Report

Mr. Strum distributed and reviewed the dashboard for the GROW Licking County Economic Development Action Plan 2025. He also gave an update on Investors; Granville CEDA/R&D Park Discussion (meeting with township and village leadership); EconDev-101 Connect (August 14 at Denison University); and the Occupational Marketing campaign (RevLocal dashboard handout).

Mr. Platt left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Mr. Strum provided an update on his trip to Europe with Mr. Lenner. Mr. Strum reported an increased interest in joint ventures in the U.S. The trip resulted in interest in at least two (2) follow-up conversations, mostly small business.

Comments from Citizens

Vicki Maple, COTC, thanked the board for their work.

Items for Action

Noted above.

Executive Session

At 10:14 AM., under ORC 121.22 Section G(1) Mr. Johns made a motion to enter into Executive Session to review employment & compensation associated with Grow Licking County. Mr. Compton seconded. Ms. Massie called roll and all present approved.

Public session resumed at 10:49 a.m.

At 10:50 a.m., under ORC 121.22 Section G(8) Mr. Johns made a motion to enter into Executive Session to review economic development projects for Licking County associated with Grow Licking County, as outlined in ORC 1724.11 (B-1A). Mr. Fisher seconded. Mrs. Massie called roll and all present approved.

Public session resumed at 10:59 AM.

Mr. Johns moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Next Meeting: 9:00 AM, September 16, 2019 – C-TEC of Licking County, 150 Price Road, Newark, OH 43055

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Massie, Secretary