

MINUTES

MEETING: GO Topeka Board of Directors

PLACE: Chamber Board Room

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

DATE: February 4, 2005

Present: Carl Koupal, Andy Jetter, Rick Jackson, Linda Rameriz Gonzalez, Mark Wittenburg, Lucky DeFries, Terry Neher, Mike Wilson, Dan Woodard, Connie Goodnow, Matt Sabatini, Ken Schmanke, Mike Engler, Neil Fisher, Alonzo Harrison, Steve Johnson, Bob Schuster, Kathleen Urbom, Dr. Jerry Farley, Commissioner Vic Miller, Council Member John Nave, Council Member Lisa Stubbs, Mayor James McClinton, Kris Robbins, John Myers, Brad Owen, Monique Johnson

Carl Koupal called the meeting to order. Lucky DeFries moved, Dr. Farley seconding, that the minutes of the January 7, 2005 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Brad Owen presented end of the year financials. He discussed year end adjustments, money carried over into 2005, DBE carry over, and incentive and site expenditures. Andy Jetter moved, Connie Goodnow seconding, that the financials be approved. The motion carried.

Carl Koupal thanked Mark Wittenburg for serving with GO Topeka since its inception. Mark has spent a lot of time on behalf of the board and GO Topeka and the board expressed its appreciation.

Mark Wittenburg thanked the staff and early organizers of GO Topeka for their hard work in getting the organization up and running.

Doug Kinsinger discussed the efforts to retain Innovia Films in the community. The plant is one of four in the world. The Tecumseh plant was recently purchased by an organization in Britain. The parent company is going to close one of the three plants they own. Staff has been working with the Shawnee County Commission and the Shawnee County Legislative Delegation to put together an attractive incentive package to retain the plant in the community. The county recently amended a prior tax abatement for the company. The Executive Committee authorized an incentive offer in the amount of \$500,000 based upon \$2,500 per job and keeping those jobs for a minimum of five years. The state has also pledged \$180,000 to \$190,000 in incentives. Connie Goodnow moved, Dr. Farley seconding, that the board approve the \$500,000 incentive offer to Innovia. The motion carried. Kinsinger indicated a media conference will be held on Monday, February 7th for the board, investors, media, etc. to an announcement regarding Innovia.

Kathy Moellenberndt advised that a contract has been entered into with Mike Webber to determine if there are opportunities for air cargo service for Forbes. Interviews were held with several operations managers of local manufacturing and distribution companies to assess their potential needs. The report should be available in March.

Doug Kinsinger discussed the SCCA Run-offs to be held in Topeka in 2006. He advised that the community and Heartland Park Topeka must perform on our commitments to SCCA members by making the necessary improvements to HPT. He discussed the master plan for HPT and showed a mock-up of what is being planned. Members of the GO Topeka board recently attended the annual meeting of the SCCA and visited with board members.

Steve Johnson discussed the recent SCCA annual meeting and the "leap of faith" in bringing the races to Topeka. The race will be good for the city and community with the huge impact made by drivers, crew and spectators.