

## MINUTES

MEETING: GO Topeka Board of Directors

PLACE: Chamber Board Room

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

DATE: October 7, 2005

Present: Carl Koupal, Andy Jetter, Linda Rameriz Gonzalez, Mark Wittenburg, Jim Haines, Terry Neher, Mike Wilson, Dan Woodard, Ed Carmona, Connie Goodnow, Ken Schmanke, Duane Fager, Neil Fisher, Alonzo Harrison, Kathleen Urbom, Dr. Jerry Farley, Commissioner Vic Miller, John Myers

Guests: Tracy Taylor, KTEC, Suresh Ram, Brad Owen

Carl Koupal called the meeting to order. Ed Carmona moved, Connie Goodnow seconding, that the minutes of the September 9, 2005 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Brad Owen presented financial statements for the period. He discussed cash flow and incentive commitments. Ed Carmona moved, Connie Goodnow seconding, that the financial statements be approved. The motion carried.

Doug Kinsinger introduced Tracy Taylor of KTEC. Tracy Taylor discussed KTEC's focus on technology and the Kansas Bio Science Initiative. He indicated KTEC is effective because it has private-sector leadership, functions as a business successfully managing a technology investment portfolio for return on investment, provides integrated science & technology management for Kansas, and has accountability with measurable outcomes. He further discussed the Kansas Economic Growth Act and the Bioscience Initiative.

Suresh Ram indicated that Kansans must think globally. There are three companies in Topeka that have the potential to go nationally. He discussed the use of venture capital funding and that more venture capital needs to be attracted to assist companies in transition.

Dr. Farley indicated he had asked a number of community corporate leaders to sit on an advisory group to discuss technology and what niche the community might be able to take advantage of. While the community might not see results for a decade, we want to improve the environments for biotech and other areas. Washburn is not a research university, we do train technical people with an emphasis on sciences and math.

Christy Caldwell discussed the use of eminent domain for economic development and the proposed changes. Caldwell reported the need to revisit the chamber's position regarding eminent domain. Mark Wittenburg, Jim Haines, Bob Schuster and Mike Wilson volunteered to participate in a committee to work on the issue. Commissioner Miller moved, Rick Jackson seconding, recommending that the chamber consider such action. The motion carried. Mark Wittenburg moved, Terry Neher seconding, that \$2,000 be used on lobbying efforts of KCCI regarding eminent domain and that the funds be taken from private funds. The motion carried.

Doug Kinsinger reported on the inter-city visit to Columbus, OH, to the Mid-Ohio race track and the Solo One races. There will be a follow-up meeting on the inter-city visit on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The race will have a big impact on our community. Heartland Park Topeka has done a lot of work and has a lot of work to be done. The community will host a community dinner for drivers, crews, etc. This event is a good intro to other events that could possibly come to the community.

Doug Kinsinger reminded the board of the joint board retreat on October 19<sup>th</sup> with Art Roberts as facilitator.

Doug Kinsinger discussed the KCADC annual meeting to be held November 9<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City. The table has been filled, but should anyone else want to attend, we will need to know as soon as possible.