

MINUTES

MEETING: GO Topeka Board of Directors

PLACE: Chamber Board Room

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

DATE: September 9, 2005

Present: Carl Koupal, Andy Jetter, Rick Jackson, Mark Wittenburg, John Moenius, Lucky DeFries, Mike Wilson Ed Carmona, Connie Goodnow, Kris Kitchen, Matt Sabatini, Ken Schmanke, Ben Blair, Duane Fager, Alonzo Harrison, Bob Schuster, Kathleen Urbom, Dr. Jerry Farley, Commissioner Vic Miller

Guests: Paul Hirsch and Jack Hession, Madison Government Affairs

Doug Kinsinger introduced Tiffany Mauer, Sponsorship Administrator. Tiffany Mauer discussed sponsorship availabilities and the opportunity to market member firms to the community.

Ed Carmona moved, Connie Goodnow seconding, that the minutes of the August 5, 2005 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Rick Jackson presented financial statements for the period. Ed Carmona moved, Duane Fager seconding, that that the financial statements be approved. The motion carried.

Doug Kinsinger advised that staff has been interviewing for the position of Vice President of New Business.

Carl Koupal advised of the formation of a committee to review the Bylaws. Koupal has appointed Mark Wittenburg, Andy Jetter and himself to conduct the review and report any suggestions/revisions to the board.

Doug Kinsinger reported that 30 people will be attending the Intercity Visit to Columbus, OH. A full schedule is planned focused on downtown development, river front development, and their new science and technology incubator. On Friday the group will tour the Mid-Ohio Race Track so that everyone can see first-hand the event coming to Topeka in 2006.

Doug Kinsinger advised that the Intercity Visit is the first step in working on the strategic plan process for 2006. The joint board retreat is October 19, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harrah's Conference Center. The facilitator will be Art Roberts, Senior VP, Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Doug Kinsinger advised of a science and technology meeting on September 20th at 8:30 a.m. in the Chamber offices.

Kathy Moellenberndt reported on various projects staff is working on, including: Project Terrapin, a manufacturing company looking for a 15-20 acre site served by rail; a local manufacturer with possible expansion plans that will represent a \$25 million capital investment with 70-80 jobs; and Project Buckeye, a 700,000 sq. ft. warehouse with 490 employees. Staff continues to work with other active prospects as well.

Doug Kinsinger discussed the task force created to deal with mission growth at Fort Riley with approximately 1,000 troops coming back to the area within the next 3 to 4 years. There will be approximately \$1 billion spent on base infrastructure and related commercial development. Kinsinger discussed residential growth in Manhattan and Junction City and that housing deficits will appear. The board suggested a summit with the public relations office from Fort Riley, the Junction City and Manhattan chambers be set to discuss how Topeka can assist.