

## MINUTES

MEETING: GO Topeka Board of Directors

PLACE: Chamber Board Room

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

DATE: May 24, 2006

Present: Carl Koupal, Andy Jetter, Rick Jackson, Lucky DeFries, Terry Neher, Mike Wilson, Connie Goodnow, Kris Kitchen, Matt Sabatini, Ben Blair, Mike Engler, Duane Fager, Neil Fisher, Alonzo Harrison, Bob Schuster, Kathleen Urbom, Dr. Jerry Farley, Mayor Bill Bunten, David Kerr, Jim Parrish

Guests: Bob Kobbeman, Capital City Bank; Adrian Polansky, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture; Dan Schmisser, KTEC; Tracy Taylor, KTEC; Brad Owen, Mize Houser; Mike Orozco, US Bank; Craig West, Security Benefit; Brad Koehn, Security Benefit; Patti Garringer, Sonnenshein & Nath; Dave Osborne, D. L. Osborne Construction; Senator Laura Kelly

Carl Koupal called the meeting to order indicating this is a follow-up discussion from the last GO Topeka meeting on the due diligence report on Ventria.

Tracy Taylor, KTEC, discussed the confidentiality of the due diligence summary which they had prepared in conjunction with other companies. He discussed the possible benefits to Kansas farmers in land production and employment. However, there are risk factors associated with the product. A staff member visited the company's headquarters in CA and discussed the product with their associates.

Senator Laura Kelly indicated she'd made inquiries into the company also. This would need to be seen as a long-term investment with possible returns in 5 to 10 years.

Doug Kinsinger advised that there needs to be conditions in the contract that states if Ventria were to relocate its headquarters to anywhere beyond Shawnee County, there would be a repayment of funds. Adrian Polansky, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, advised that the type land required to grow the product is available and that water is available. Polansky thought the ag community would be supportive. The board questioned the use of the buffer zone around the fields. Polansky discussed the reasoning for the buffer zone. Doug Kinsinger advised that potential sites have been toured and soil types looked at around the community. Polansky wants to see the state step forward and be aggressive in pursuing this venture. He indicated the Governor is supportive in attracting this venture.

Dr. Farley stated that while we recognize there is a high degree of risk involved in this, the impact or benefit this could have on the community and NE Kansas could be enormous.

Angela Krebs, Kansas BioScience Authority, advised their agency wants to be pro-active and work with the community to participate in any way.

David Kerr indicated that this is a very large investment, and this is about redefining our community as to how we position ourselves for future businesses and investments. This is sending a message about where the community and the state want to go in the future.

Upon completion of review of the Initial Due Diligence Memorandum, Kathleen Urbom moved, Dr. Farley seconding, authorizing Go Topeka to provide an offer to Ventria to build and lease to Ventria \$2 million dollars worth of facilities and equipment at an incentivized rate, and support funds up to \$300,000.00 for site acquisition and due diligence costs in accordance with the terms of the proposal approved at GO Topeka's last regular meeting.

This offer would be contingent upon other the participation of others including KTEC, the Kansas Bioscience Authority, and a local consortium of banks. Upon acceptance of the offer letter, a letter of intent would be executed and a final round of due diligence would be completed and approved by the Go Topeka Board prior to closing. The motion carried.

Doug Kinsinger indicated that Matt Sabatini and Bob Kobbeman have been coordinating communication among the financial institutions. There are significant hurdles to be overcome. Bob Kobbeman advised that meetings have been held with local banks to see what support there is and was hopeful they could come up with a position that the banks could be comfortable with in the next few days.

Doug Kinsinger reminded the board that this is a confidential issue and until other entities have made their decision, this should remain confidential information.

David Kerr thanked everyone for their patience and attentiveness.

The meeting adjourned.