

Meeting Minutes

The Joint Economic Development Council of Lawrence & Douglas County

Friday, March 28, 2014

7:30 a.m.

Offices of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce

Members in attendance: Brad Finkeldei, Mike Wildgen, Tim Caboni, Leslie Soden, Jon Josserand

Ex-Officio Members in attendance: Dave Corliss, Diane Stoddard, Craig Weinaug, Mike Amyx, Bob Schumm

Also in attendance: Chad Lawhorn, Brady Pollington, Bonnie Lowe

Ms. Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Mr. Finkeldei motioned to approve minutes, Mr. Caboni seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Corliss introduced and briefly spoke to business development incentives and potential tax abatement policy change.

Ms. Stoddard spoke directly to the policy issue on minimum threshold of investment and job creation for tax abatement eligibility. Specific issues discussed related to the policy were:

- Maintaining the current policy and consider threshold waivers on a case by case basis,
- Create a specific waiver for companies in the BTBC system,
- Reduce or eliminate the Douglas County thresholds and,
- Reduce or eliminate the minimum thresholds.

Mr. Pollington gave a brief update on current project/deal flow.

Mr. Pollington gave an update on Kansas Research Nexus.

Ms. Lowe discussed scheduling an April meeting for a discussion on budget requests to the City and County. Next meeting will be April 25th, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber offices.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Mr. Finkeldei to adjourn. Jon Josserand seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted on this date: March 28th, 2014.

Brady Pollington, Vice President