



April 19, 2022
KEP Board Meeting
(Hybrid Meeting)

Board Members Present

Mike Petit de Mange
Robin Christiansen
Dina Vendetti
Shelly Cecchett- Zoom
Gregg Moore
Denis McGlynn
Bob MacLeish
Chuck Spiegelman
Shane Breakie- Zoom
Jordan Schulties
Richard Wilkins
Joanne Masten- Zoom

Absent

Jerry Esposito
Tabitha Gott
Jordan Schulties

Guest

Dave Hugg
Jeremy Rothwell
Laura Wisler

Gregory Moore called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

After it was determined there was quorum present, the board moved forward with the meeting.

Addition to the agenda in regards to order of presentations, on motion made, by Robin Christiansen, seconded by Denis McGlynn, the agenda was approved.

The minutes were sent to the board in advance, on motion made by Robin Christiansen, seconded by Denis McGlynn, the February 22, 2022 minutes were approved.

Financial Report – There was one month of financial reports, February. Linda Parkowski discussed the financials and gave details on the revenues and expenses.

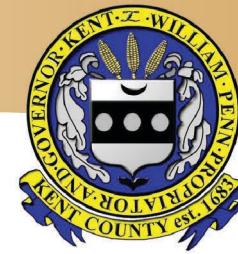
Motion to accept the financial reports by Bob MacLeish, seconded by Denis McGlynn. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report – Gregg Moore

Gregg discussed the new revised bylaws for Kent Economic Partnership. Notable changes or additions to the bylaws that were discussed were that Levy Court approves all board members, Levy Court appoints both Levy Court President or designee and County Administrator or designee, allows KEP to purchase land, Dover and Smyrna each get a board seat, 1 other municipality gets board seat as recommended by the board, eliminates classes of board members, clearly aligns with laws governing 501c3, aligns bylaws with the way we do business- Executive Committee and Treasurer redefined, allows for electronic meetings and voting, clearly defines Public Notice, and aligns bylaws and articles of incorporation

Robin Christiansen requested to add under item C that it specifies that the Mayor of the city is responsible for economic development in the city. The request was changed and agreed to be read as “the mayor or designee.” This change will be made for both Dover and Smyrna to remain consistent.

A motion was taken to move forward with the new bylaws with the changes to address Robin Christiansen request. Motion to accept the bylaws changes by Bob MacLeish, seconded by Chuck Spiegelman. Motion carried.



Mike Petit de Mange abstained his vote. The new bylaws were unanimously approved in the vote and the bylaws will be presented to the Levy Court for approval in May.

Business Developer's Report- Zach Prebula

Zach discussed that he has 4 upcoming training and site selector events that he will be attending in the upcoming months through August. Zach discussed he has taken over a total of 7 projects and will begin conducting site visits with companies in the county in June.

Executive Director's Report – Linda Parkowski

Items discussed were the update to Levy Court, DDP Master Plan, Rockport 2.0 Press Release, Quarterly Meetings- Smyrna & Milford, Toured Boggerty Center Dover, met with FDIC, met with Sean Kelly- revamping housing in Dover, participated in 6 meeting with Bush, Met with Deldot- re connector road, monster racing building for aircraft mechanic school, kent county loan fund, DAFB compatible use study, supply chain with LBR, DSCC manufacturing conference about workforce development, CDCC Legislative Luncheon, Site Readiness; Harrington and Wyoming, DSU Meeting, Rail corridor study, Del Tech summit, state chamber dinner, DPP Tour, Greg Patterson meeting, fundraising, projects, Site selectors with DPP, and Senator Carper touring Harrington.

Public Comment –

Richard Wilkins wanted to make the group aware of a constitutional amendment which could affect agriculture in Delaware.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 am

The next meeting will be June 22, 2022 in person/Zoom hybrid at 8:00am.