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Board of Directors Minutes August 4, 2009 Meeting

Michael Martin, Chair of the CAEZ Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present: Michael Martin, Russell Deering, Linda Rhodes, Mike Pierson, David Boothe, Ken Eskew, John Gibson, Joe Hoffman, Earl McCune, Birl O'Dell, Peter Silitch, and Doyle Tawney.

Board Members Absent: Mike Chapman, Larry Dent, Earl Elliott, Malcolm Parker, and Janine Potasnik.

Approval of the July 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes: Ken Eskew made a motion to approve the July 7, 2009 meeting minutes, seconded by Peter Silitch. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: David Boothe made a motion to approve the July 2009 treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Ken Eskew. **Motion carried.**

Housing Committee: The Committee did not meet this month.

WV Housing Development Fund has asked that CAEZ submit a second round CHDO proposal for \$400,000.00. Peter Silitch made a motion that the Executive Director be authorized to apply for a second round of CHDO funding, seconded by Linda Rhodes. **Motion carried.**

Economic Development Committee: The Committee did meet this evening.

Braxton County: The old hardware store in Sutton has been purchased. It will serve as an art center and a restaurant. The business that purchased the building wants to try to get the Poplar Forest up and running again. She will have pottery, doll manufacturing, and will train people in different crafts. Peter Silitch will be on the Board of the new Poplar Forest. She is a retailer for art supplies for companies in the Mid Atlantic states.

Fayette County: Connie met with David Mankin at the Mt. Hope Industrial Park. He is need of a warehouse. He has three buildings and one office on the property. He stated that he has at least one year to 18 months worth of work. There is a new economic development person at the development office that covers that area and Connie will be taking him to the businesses at the park and in the Mt. Hope area. The remaining five acres at the park was suggested to be used as a technology park.

The State of West Virginia was awarded \$19.6 million dollars for twelve counties for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Fayette County, which is in Tier One, was the only one in CAEZ's service area that qualified. Twenty-five percent of the funding has to be spent on purchasing foreclosed property. Connie and Michael have been working diligently on the grant application which is due August 10th.

The National Resource Conservation Service is reviewing the possibility of buying out and removing approximately 281 properties in the Dunlop Creek Watershed in Mt. Hope. This is currently a \$1.4 million dollar project. The city will lose approximately 70 to 80 households. This includes Kilsyth where a new \$3 million dollar wastewater treatment plant was recently constructed. Michael has asked the NRCS to develop a model for meeting the debt service for the length of loan, 30 years, for the wastewater treatment plant, which they will pay for each household which was bought out. A park will be placed on the site beside a clean trout stream.

The Boys Scouts of America is in the process of purchasing 10,600 acres adjacent to the City of Mt. Hope. The new name is Camp Arrow. There will be 80 full time employees and 1,000 seasonal positions.

Nicholas County: On the Summersville water project, they are waiting on Farmers HOME to give the final approval before Phase I can go to bid. This approval could be given this week.

There are two prospective tenants in the Summersville Industrial Park.

The Summersville Lake has developed 70 new sites and is constructing new cabins at Mountain Lake Resort.

Nettie/Leivasy PSD will bid out for work at their office and the water plant.

Roane County: Mustang Survival, a floatation device company, is now located in Spencer on the Norris Industries properties. The company has employed twenty people and could hire approximately 120 more.

Water will be coming to the Amma Industrial site.

The Board approved last meeting that CAEZ purchase the property on Chestnut Street in Spencer for \$2,000.00 for the CHDO project. The property does have electric, water, and sewer. CAEZ will complete a drawdown to WV Housing Development Fund to purchase the property and start site development as soon as the letter from SHPO is received.

Clay County: At the JG Bradley Campground, the water lines will have to be moved. Bill Bright stated that he would write a letter stating CAEZ could run water lines adjacent to the tracks. A septic tank will be put in for the lodge and holding tanks will be put in for RV sites. The engineer, sanitarian, and representative from the State Health Department will be meeting August 12 to see what will be done. At the end of the property, septic systems may be put in.

The Grand Opening for the college will be Saturday, August 15th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. There were 200 students enrolled last year at the college. It was suggested that all Board members attend the Grand Opening with the flag raising ceremony being done by the 4-H students. Will Jones from WSAZ News interviewed at the college today and it will broadcast tonight at 6:00 p.m.

The summer youth program kids are working at Valley Fork. The waterproofing of the basement has been completed.

An article was in the newspaper concerning the daycare at Valley Fork. There has been a lot of interest in this. The Economic Development Committee approved to recommend to the Board that the Executive Director be authorized to dispose of any surplus equipment in the basement in an environmentally sound manner. Russell Deering made a motion upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee that the Executive Director be authorized to dispose of any surplus equipment in the basement in an environmentally sound manner, seconded by Ken Eskew.

Motion carried.

It was suggested that the Highway Department be asked if a sign could be put on the Interstate advertising the college. Also, it was suggested that the outside of the college be painted.

There are two acres in Clay that Connie and Tammie have been looking at for the CHDO project. A perk test and site plan has to be completed. The architect has been out to look at the property.

A representative from CONSOL spoke with Connie and asked that a meeting be set up to continue negotiations on the Clay Nicholas Highway. Students from WVU did a design on the first four miles to Leatherwood. That report has been mailed but not received by CAEZ.

Connie and Michael attended a Post Land Mine Development meeting in Gilbert. It was stated that an application from Fola Coal asking for a permit to disturb 171/2 acres and would like to change the land use to forest land is at the courthouse.

A presentation from Jerry Linkinoggor and Mike Pierson from the Clay County Commission and Mike Boggs, a representative from the Clay County Business Development Authority was given to the Economic Development Committee. It was asked if CAEZ would join in collaboration with the BDA and Clay County Commission to help bring economic development into Clay County. It was stated that even if CAEZ could not give any funding, CAEZ is still wanted in this collaboration. Connie met with Mike Pierson and Mike Boggs to come up with a job description for a full time Economic Development Coordinator for Clay County. After much discussion, the Committee voiced that they would work with the other two organizations. Mike Pierson will get Michelle a Memorandum of Understanding and a list of what this collaboration entails. It will be sent to the full Board prior to the next meeting.

Loan Committee: The Committee did not meet this evening. The loan status was reviewed. No action was taken.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on July 23, 2009. The Committee reviewed a preliminary budget that was prepared by Michelle. The Committee suggested that when and if the Clay Apartments are assumed that the Committee needs to meet to review its finances. The Committee has also asked that an Assets and Liabilities statement be given out monthly. Michelle stated that the audit expense has increased. Peter Triplett stated that the Valley Fork utilities were not added to the budget. Michelle asked that a list be generated of what the Committee needs before the next meeting. It was suggested that Michelle gather a project budget for each project CAEZ has and an overhead budget. Peter Silitch made a motion to approve the 2009 – 2010 fiscal budget as a working budget as presented and that the Committee needs to meet to review and make changes, seconded by Ken Eskew. **Motion carried.**

New Business: The Census would like CAEZ to sign a partnership agreement that CAEZ would encourage individuals to complete the 2010 Census information. Peter Silitch made a motion to cooperate with the 2010 Census Information, seconded by Linda Rhodes. **Motion carried.**

Other: The Annual Meeting will be at the Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College, Valley Fork Education Center, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

The roof has been replaced on the CAEZ Office.

Birl O'Dell made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Ken Eskew. **Motion carried.**

Next Board/Annual Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College, Valley Fork Education Center.