

Southern Boone Economic Development Council
Location: Jose Jalapenos
Minutes for August 9th, 4:00 PM

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting was not called to order. The following individuals met to have discussions around items included on the agenda and other topics of interest to SBEDC.

Board Members: Brandon Glascock, vice president, Kyle Michel, secretary, Liz Heyen, treasurer, Jason Reynolds, Matt Boyce

Ex Officios: Dave Westhoff

Guests: Carson Blake, Virginia Steiger, Lisa Driskel-Hawby

Liz Heyen provided an update and recap of the REDI social event at Eagle Knoll in July. She provided comments from a few businesses that sent messages in response to SBEDC thank you note.

Brandon Glascock provided an update on an email received from Socket requesting SBEDC support via a letter of support on an upcoming grant application to help extend Socket's fiber network throughout the unincorporated areas of Southern Boone County. Discussion ensued with regards to the proposed letter of support language provided by Socket. Brandon indicated he would follow up with Socket for clarification on the grant and would follow up with the Board to get approval on a letter of support.

Dave Westhoff provided an update on Ranken's construction process and gave an overview of the proposed phase 2 project he is spearheading with job training assistance from Ranken. Carson Blake assisted with giving an overview of the HarvestUp project proposed as phase 2. Discussion ensued regarding the project, project timeline, implications for Ashland, Southern Boone County, and the central Missouri region. Carson advised that everyone visit <https://www.harvestup.net/> for more information.

Matt Boyce and Jason Reynolds provided additional update information regarding the website and the need for additional content and better integration/utilization of social media to show projects underway like Scooters, Ranken, and Taco Bell when it breaks ground. Matt indicated some desired changes to the website to better streamline utilization and ease access. Brandon mentioned ABC creating a website and potentially wanting to be included on the SBEDC/Chamber website and branding.

Liz Heyen mentioned the need to establish a consistent meeting location for future meetings. Meetings would stick with the current schedule and would be at the School administrative offices unless otherwise noted. Kyle Michel indicated City Hall as a suitable location for meetings as needed.