

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Executive Committee
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: September 2, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Jobgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jody Covert
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Rutz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margie Montelius	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Jonathan Loiterman and Hal Gilpin.

1. Minutes Approval – Randy Jobgen made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2014 committee meeting. Seconded by Ron Smith. Motion passed.
2. Citizens’ Comments – Hal Gilpin, CVB representative to the merger ad-hoc committee, discussed that Chris Hamilton the new Executive Director for Visit Galena is interested in meeting to discuss the possibilities of the two organizations working together.
3. Unfinished Business
 - a) Update on US EPA Site Stabilization Work at the Bautsch Gray site on Blackjack Road - Nothing new to report at this time
 - b) Update on Jo Daviess County FOIA request – The committee reviewed the updated FOIA request spreadsheet.
 - c) Jo Daviess County Strategic Plan – FY2014 Executive Committee Goals – Nothing new to report at this time.
4. New Business
 - a) Discussion and possible action on the procedures for opening closed session meeting minutes - This item will be moved to next month’s committee for discussion/action.
 - b) Discussion and possible action concerning a letter of support for Green Star Growing, LLC- Jonathan Loiterman, Representative from Green Star Growing discussed that his company is working on a plan to secure one of twenty-two medical cannabis cultivation center licenses in Illinois and the location they have chosen for a cultivation center is the Savanna Army Depot. Green Star Growing would like to request a letter of support from Jo Daviess County. Loiterman discussed that local endorsements are a very important part of the application process to be eligible for a cannabis cultivation license. Loiterman discussed that Green Star Growing is submitting an application for a license in two different districts; District 16 which is the district that Jo Daviess County is located and District 1 which is the district that Carroll County is located in. The Savanna Army Depot is located in both Jo Daviess and Carroll County. Green Star Growing is planning to hold only one license. If granted licenses for both districts they would only accept a license for one district. Approximately 20 to 30 good paying jobs would be created if Green Star Growing is granted a license. Green Star Growing is looking to do medical research and sees this as a pharmaceutical company and not just a cannabis growing facility. One of the reasons that pharmaceutical companies are not backing or funding the program is because of the four year sunset provision for the program and unless the law changes,

effective December 31, 2017 the program closes and all licenses will expire and all businesses would be shut down. There was discussion on how medical cannabis is dispensed or obtained. Loiterman explained that medical marijuana must be purchased through a properly licensed medical cannabis dispensary in which there will be sixty in the state of Illinois. In order to get medical cannabis from those dispensaries you will need to meet a number of very strict medical requirements. **Gerald Bennett made a motion to recommend a letter of support for Green Star Growing's application for a cultivation center permit in the Savanna Army Depot. Seconded by Randy Jobgen and motion passed with a nay by Montelius and Covert.**

5. Board Member Concerns
6. Citizens' Comments
7. Closed Session
8. Possible action as a result of closed session.

Merri Berlage stated the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. following a motion made by Gerald Bennett and seconded by Randy Jobgen, motion carried.