

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
January 17, 2019 BOARD MINUTES

PRESENT: Meghan Duke, Monte Galbraith, Ron Hinze, Slade Johnson, David Jordan, George Neal, Thomas Weaver, Tom Zwaga

ALSO PRESENT: John Asbell, Gary Jones, Sendreka Lakes, Jim Livingston, Katherine Kelly

Ron Hinze, Chairman, called the January 17, 2019 meeting to order.

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Tom Zwaga and seconded by Slade Johnson, the December 6, 2018 minutes were adopted as presented and attached as Exhibit A.

FINANCES:

David Jordan reviewed the Financial Reports – Checking Account 2018 and Dues Income which are attached as Exhibit B. All contract fees are current. The invoices for January – June 2019 contracts have been sent to each partnership and is based on the 2017 estimated census data. **Upon motion made by David Jordan and seconded by Tom Zwaga, the Financial Reports were accepted as presented.**

REPORTS

- Economic Development – Ron Hinze reminded members that the Development Authority Training is required for all Authority members. There is a free training session at Columbus Technical College on January 30th. The website address with registration link has been sent to each Authority member.
- Military – Gary Jones reported that Fort Benning continues to grow. There are 21,000 going through training. There were originally a decrease by 2,800 and now have increased 1,600 through Security Force Assistance Brigade. Fort Benning probably will not see any new brigades for several years and they would most likely be infantry or striker brigades. Ron Hinze reported that at the Economic Outlook Luncheon, it was said that Fort Benning will be the economic development driver for 2019.
- Workforce – Sendreka Lakes reported on the Talent Coalition which consisted of 120 members with about 75% being employers in the region and all the school districts except one participated. The three workshops were conducted by Avalanche Consulting. The outcomes were the talent gaps and projects which could be implemented across the region. The four priority categories are attraction, retention, reengagement and development. Plan to create a talent hub which can be used anywhere since will be online.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Amazing video which Brian Anderson spoke about at the January meeting was shown. The link to the video is on the agenda. There are many uses for this video. Other videos can be found by googling We Do Amazing.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2019 Meeting Dates are found in Exhibit C.
- 2019 Annual Meeting – The March Annual Meeting date will be changed to Tuesday, March 19th due to availability of Cunningham Center. Members were asked for suggestions for a speaker which would have a regional approach. These were suggested – Mayor Henderson, someone from Columbus 2025 or someone from Fort Benning. Members were asked to pass the invitation on to others in their county/city who would be interested in attending. They can register directly.

- 2019 Strategy – Year of Change: Ron Hinze commented on the five areas on the handout titled "2019 – Year of Change": (1) Do We Want to Change?, (2) Who We Are, (3) Why We Do It, (4) What We Do, and (5) How We Do It. He requested that the members think of this year as a year of change and consider the items on the handout. From earlier discussion, it appears the board does want to change. The why we do it is the most important thing. There will be different viewpoints. He asked for discussion so that at end of meeting there is a plan of what to do and have answered these questions by the end of the year. He proposed a smaller task force to work on this. By the end of the year the organization has been rebuilt as the board sees fit. Discussion took place. **Upon motion made by David Jordan and seconded by Monte Galbraith, the Joint Authority unanimously approved the creation of a task force with partnerships appointing member(s) with task force reporting at each full board meeting.** It was decided that Monte Galbraith would chair, Ron Hinze would be facilitator and Gary Jones would be secretary of task force.

There being no further business, the Joint Authority was adjourned.

Approved by:

Ron Hinze, 2019 Chair

Gary Jones, Secretary