

**Boone County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of February 16, 2017**

Board members present were Dorothy Carner; Susan Daly; August Nielsen and Bill Young, President. Pat Powell was absent.

Also present were guests Bernie Andrews, Stacey Button, Bill Watkins and Matt Williams; DBRL Trustees John French, Phil Harrison and Lynn Hostetler; Director Melissa Carr; and staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke and Jim Smith.

Call to Order

Young called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no changes, additions or deletions, Young declared the minutes of November 10, 2016 approved as written.

Chapter 100 Proposal

Watkins provided an overview of the project. Andrews distributed a memo from the REDI Incentives Subcommittee and a chart of tax scenario projections. Watkins noted that the project includes new jobs for the region, in contrast to previous Chapter 100 proposals which focused on job retention. He discussed the type of positions and the compensation expected. Watkins and Williams discussed the level of tax abatement and the expected tax income for the BCLD through the various phases of the project.

In response to a question from Daly about the possibility of cattle on-site, Watkins said the project includes a processing plant only and he doesn't expect cattle operations to be added due to the size of the tract.

In response to a question from Daly about the traffic on and safety of Route B, Watkins noted that the project is a 24-hour business, so employees will not be traveling to the site only during rush hour. Additionally, as part of the deal with Kraft Heinz, MODOT is installing a traffic light at the intersection; this is expected to be complete in Summer 2017.

Hostetler entered the meeting.

Young noted concerns that have been raised about the company, including involvement in class-action litigation and suspicions that its cattle lots are run as CAFOs. Young, Watkins and Andrews relayed information provided by the company addressing those concerns.

ACTION: Daly moved to authorize Bill Young, as the representative for the Boone County Library District, to vote in favor of the Chapter 100 project at the Chapter 100 Review Committee meeting of February 21. Nielsen seconded the motion. The vote was taken by roll call: Carner – yes; Daly – yes; Nielsen – yes; Young – yes. The motion passed.

Andrews, Button, Watkins and Williams exited the meeting.

Miscellaneous

There was no miscellaneous business.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Young adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.

Board Secretary