



MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
Virtual Meeting
4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022

MINUTES

Present:

Erica Austin, Commissioner
Ryan Croke, President
Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President
Joe Hurwitz, Secretary

Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner
Norm Sims, Commissioner
John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

Absent: Charlene Aaron, Rex Brown, Gurpreet Mander, Ramona Metzger (Treasurer)

Staff Support: Abby Powell (Staff Support)

Other Guests: Mike Nardini (CBRE), Steve Welch (for Representative Sue Scherer), Linda Maier (Enos Park Development)

1. Call to order and roll call

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 14, 2022, Commission meeting

On a motion by Commissioner HURWITZ, seconded by Vice President GURNSEY, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting.

3. Financial Report:

On a motion by Commissioner SIMS and second provided by President CROKE, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the April 2022 financial statement.

4. Stakeholder Updates:

- Steve Welch, from Representative Sue Scherer's office, communicated the Representatives support and enthusiasm for the MIMD and the work of the Commission.
- John Stremsterfer provided an update on the downtown and medical district master planning efforts. Houseal – Lavigne is the selected firm for the project and the initial kick-off meeting is scheduled for June 10. Expect to hear more about stakeholder engagement in the upcoming months.

5. Public Comment: None



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6. Old Business

- a) Status of MIMD funding included in state budget bill. CROKE and POWELL met with Ally Grady (DCEO) to discuss next steps and timing for the funding. The state fiscal year begins July 1 and the Commission should identify a project and prepare a scope of work and budget. DCEO staff will assist the Commission in accessing funds.

7. New business

- a) There is one Commission vacancy with the resignation of Egbe Egiebor. President CROKE encouraged those interested to submit applications through the Board and Commissions appointment portal
- b) President CROKE stated that it is the responsibility of the Commission to take a position and urge appropriate action from elected officials in the wake of the horrific violence cause by mass shootings in schools, churches, and other public spaces around the country. Commissioners who are interested in helping to draft language should contact President CROKE.

Commissioner SIMS suggests joining with the Citizen's Club to host a joint session for public discussion of the issue.

Commissioner STREMSSTERFER voiced support of a resolution and believes it is appropriate for the commission to take this action.

Commissioner SIMS cautioned against a slippery slope of political resolutions on hot button issues and noted other potentially controversial medical-related topics.

Commissioner AUSTIN also expressed support of the resolution.

8. Adjourn

On a motion from Commissioner HURWITZ, Second by Vice President GURNSEY, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary