



# MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

## MINUTES

### **Present:**

Ryan Croke, President

Tessica Dooley\*, Commissioner

Davida Fanniel\*, Commissioner

Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President

Joe Hurwitz\*, Secretary

Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner

Brian McFadden, Commissioner

John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

Brian Zilm, Commissioner

**Staff Support:** Abby Powell

**Absent:** Erica Austin, Commissioner

**Other Guests:** Mike Disco (City of Springfield); Carlos Ortega (DSI); Belynda Allen\* (DCEO); Michelle Ownbey\* (Enos Park Development); Steve Welch\* (Representative Sue Scherer)

\*denotes attendance by zoom

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### **1. Call to order and roll call**

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above. President CROKE introduced new member appointed to the Commission, Brian McFadden, appointed by the County.

### **2. Minutes of the August 10, 2023 Commission meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner STREMSTERFER seconded by Commissioner ZILM, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting.

### **3. Financial Report**

Financial reports submitted by Treasurer METZGER via email, with explanation provided by Mikek Disco. On a motion by President CROKE, and a second from Commissioner STREMSTERFER, financial reports from July – December of 2023 were unanimously approved as submitted.

### **4. Stakeholder Updates:**

- Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park) – Clean-up Day with SIU is set for Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Enos Park Development continues to meet with developers.
- Carlos Ortega (DSI) -Looking forward to engaging with the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission and contributing to economic vibrancy in the City Center.



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- Representative Budzinski's office representative Brian Zilm shared that CAP 1908 and Moving Pillsbury Forward will be receiving federal funding. The federal fiscal year begins in September.

## 5. **Public Comment:** None

## 6. **Old Business**

- Master Plan for Downtown and Mid-Illinois Medical District is in its final stages. There will be a public workshop held in April and the plan will be at City Council for final approval this spring.
- Potential Boundary Extension – STREMSSTERFER shared that there is a proposal to extend the boundary of the medical district south to include additional parcels for development.

STREMSSTERFER moves that the MIMD Commission support the expansion of the Mid-Illinois Medical District boundaries, seeking the advice of the City of Springfield and Regional Planning Office to clearly define those boundaries, and submit that recommendation to Senator Turner. ZILM provided a second to the motion, and there was unanimous approval from all present.

## 7. **New business**

- a) Officer Election -On a motion by Vice President GURNSEY and a second by Commissioner STREMSSTERFER, commission members voted unanimously to elect officers as listed below:
  - President: Ryan Croke
  - Vice President: Aaron Gurnsey
  - Secretary: Hurwitz
  - Treasurer: Ramona Metzger
  - Ethics Officer: Tess Dooley
- b) Annual Budgets – On a motion by Vice President GURNSEY and a second from President CROKE, the commission voted unanimously to accept the annual budgets submitted by Treasurer METZGER. (attached)
- c) Audit Findings – Abby Powell reviewed the results of the audit, with one immaterial finding.
- d) Meeting schedule for 2024 included in the agenda.

## 8. **Adjourn**

On a motion from Commissioner STREMSSTERFER, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary