

**Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
Lincoln Land Community College
Virtual Meeting
12:00 p.m., Thursday, July 8, 2021**

MINUTES

Present:

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| Charlene Aaron, Commissioner | Joe Hurwitz, Secretary |
| Rex Brown, Commissioner | Norm Sims, Commissioner |
| Ryan Croke, President | John Stremsterfer, Commissioner |
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Absent: Erica Austin, Aaron Gurnsey, Gurpreet Mander, Jack Mazzotti

Staff Support: Ramona Metzger (Treasurer), Abby Powell

Other Guests: Caitlin Justice, Amy Beadle, Ryan McCrady, Sarah Skeeters (Sitting in for Ray Williams from the Springfield Clinic), Aly Grady, Tyler Cravens (congressman Davis Office), Michelle Ownbey

1. Call to order and roll call

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm after noting a quorum was present.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2021 Commission meeting

On a motion by Commissioner HURWITZ, seconded by Commissioner BROWN, Commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting.

3. Financial Report:

METZGER notes current balance is \$220.53, with one deposit to prevent dormancy for the account.

NORMS moved, SPREMSTERFER 2nd financial report. Unanimous approval.

METZGER has completed a first review of the audit requests. Submission due on July 15.

4. Stakeholder Updates:

- Ryan McCrady (SSGA) continues to assist with the MIMD website.
- Aly Grady (DCEO) no new report; looking forward to more infrastructure dollars becoming available.
- Sarah Skeeters (Springfield Clinic) nothing to report
- Tyler Cravens (Congressman Davis) nothing to report
- Charlene Aaron (St Johns HSHS) provided update on nursing graduates; St John's College is expanding its footprint to the Greenville University Campus, beginning fall 2022. Focusing on creating a more diverse student body through a high school pipeline program that provides hands-on experiences.

5. Public Comment (none)

6. Old Business

a) Update on a search for Graduate Public Service Internship Program

No GPSI was selected in the first round. There is a second round of candidates in the fall.

7. New business

a) Housing Development

CROKE provided an update on conversations around housing development in the medical district. Partner institutions agreed on a need to work together on planning for housing in the MIMD.

Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park Development) noted that the organization controls about 75 lots and is actively seeking housing development. OWNBEY also stated that a refreshed housing study would be a good tool to market the opportunity to developers.

CROKE invites any members of the commission to form a committee on housing development or maximizing federal funds that are available. He notes that he is interested in continuing the discussion and Commission's efforts in that forum.

b) City of Springfield Convention and Visitor Bureau Presentation

Caitlin Justice and Amy Beadle described the CVB efforts to recruit meetings and conventions to Springfield. They asked for the Commission to share the achievements and facility amenities of the medical district and member institutions.

Discussion of outreach efforts to attract new meetings and conventions related to the medical field. SIMS provided historical prospective on previous outreach efforts by the MIMD.

8. Adjourn

On a motion from Commissioner STREMSERFER, Second by Commissioner SIMS, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary