

**Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
Lincoln Land Community College
Virtual Meeting
4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 11, 2021**

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Charlotte Warren, President
Rob Cross, Commissioner
Rex Brown, Commissioner
Ryan Croke, Commissioner

Mitch Johnson, Vice-President
Norm Sims, Commissioner
Jennifer Lee, Commissioner
Ramona Metzger, Treasurer

Absent:

Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner
Joe Hurwitz, Secretary

Dr. Gurpreet Mander, Commissioner

Other Guests:

Josh Collins
Abby Powell

Mayor Jim Langfelder

Call to order and roll call

C. Warren called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm after noting a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of the June 11, 2021 Commission meeting

On a motion by M. Johnson, seconded by N. Sims, the Commission members present voted to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2021 meeting.

Election of Officers

C. Warren had appointed N. Sims as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. N. Sims presented the following slate of officers:

President: Ryan Croke
Vice-President: Rob Cross
Secretary: Joe Hurwitz
Treasurer: Ramona Metzger

Joe Hurwitz was also nominated as the at-large member of the Executive Committee, joining the President and Vice-President.

On a motion by J. Lee, seconded by M. Johnson, the Commission unanimously approved the slate as presented.

C. Warren turned the meeting over to R. Croke to preside.

2021 Annual Budget

The 2021 budget was presented to the Commission. On a motion by R. Croke, seconded by R. Cross, the Commission unanimously approved the budget as presented.

Financial Report

On a motion by N. Sims, seconded by M. Johnson the Commission voted to approve the April 2020 through December 2020 Financial Reports.

2021 Schedule of Meetings

R. Croke suggested the Commission meet on the 2nd Thursday at 4 pm on even numbered months. On a motion by R. Cross, seconded by J. Lee, the Commission unanimously approved the 2021 meeting schedule presented by R. Croke.

Old Business

N. Sims discussed the Enterprise Zone request to the City and suggested that the Commission hold until the Enos Park TIF is resolved and suggested the Commission provide a letter of support for the Enos Park TIF extension.

N. Sims reminded the Commission that the MIMD signs are up within the district and that the next step is to work with IDOT on wayfinding signage between the Interstate and the Medical District.

C. Warren informed the group that the LLCC Capital City Training Center has been renamed LLCC Medical District.

Mayor Langfelder noted the City could provide resources to the MIMD, specifically offering support for a new comprehensive master plan.

New business

R. Croke reminded the commissioners that the Commission needed to file the Biennial Report by March 1. N. Sims agreed to draft the Report with the assistance from other Commissioners.

Reports of Commission officials

M. Johnson informed the Commission that he submitted a letter of resignation to the Governor's office and will stay on until a replacement is appointed. M. Johnson reminded the Commissioners of the accomplishments of the Commission and the District as whole that include, the District Master Plan, the hundreds of millions of dollars in medical and community capital construction within the District, including but not limited to the Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU, the Springfield Clinic additions in the District, the advocacy provided for the Springfield Rail Relocation project and Carpenter Street underpass, the addition of County Market, new signage and the YMCA.

Presidents Report

R. Croke acknowledged the contribution of Dr. Elvin Zook to the Medical District, the Commission, and the medical community.

R. Croke thanked the outgoing executive committee and Dr. Warren for their work to advance the MIMD. He discussed interest in developing long and short-term goals as a Commission and the need to file a biennial report. He asked Commissioners to send content suggestions to Norm Sims and himself.

Public Comment

The Mayor reiterated his support for the District and Commission.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at t 5:19 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary