# Minutes of the Kenwood Northwest Joint Economic Development Zone Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

### December 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Tom Weidman, Vice Chairman Tracy Schwegmann, Board Member Tracy Kellums, Treasurer William Jetter, Board Member Chris Westmark, Board Member Natasha Kohorst, Executive Director Greg Bickford, Township Law Director Lawrence E. Barbiere, and Township Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeff Uckotter.

## Approval of Minutes September 3, 2024:

The minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Kellums, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann to approve the minutes. Mr. Bickford called roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Kellums: Aye; Jetter: Aye; Westmark: Aye; Kohorst: Aye

# **District Update:**

Mr. Jetter reported that collections in the Northwest JEDZ are up from last year for the month of November. He said after a slump, which he thinks was a reporting issue, the year-to-date collections are above \$1.2 million.

Mr. Weidman said that might be a record for collections. He asked if there were any issues.

Mr. Jetter answered no, adding that Julie Hoffman, the Deer Park Tax Clerk, is doing a great job with collections.

## 2025 Budget:

Mr. Bickford reported there is not a budget per se as there is no staff and the Board is not compensated. He said he would provide audit costs at the beginning of the year. Mr. Bickford stated insurance is paid until the month of October.

### **Set 2025 Meeting Dates:**

Mr. Weidman noted the 2025 meeting dates for the Northwest JEDZ Board will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Kellums made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. All voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Natasha Kohorst, Secretary Record of Proceedings 12/03/2024

# Minutes of the Kenwood Southwest Joint Economic Development Zone Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

### December 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Tom Weidman, Vice Chairman Tracy Schwegmann, Board Member Tracy Kellums, Treasurer Scot Lahrmer, Secretary Tom Muething, Board Member Bob Rosen, Executive Director Greg Bickford, Township Law Director Lawrence E. Barbiere, Township Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeff Uckotter, and Amberley Village Tax Administrator Ken Smallwood.

## Approval of Minutes September 3, 2024:

The minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Rosen to approve the minutes. Mr. Muething seconded the motion. Mr. Bickford called roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Kellums: Aye; Muething: Aye; Rosen: Aye; Mr. Lahrmer: Aye

## **District Update:**

Mr. Smallwood reported on the third quarter numbers, noting collections are down a little for the quarter, but the district is up slightly for the year.

Mr. Weidman asked if there were any collections issues.

Mr. Smallwood answered no, saying collections had been going smoothly.

Mr. Kellums commented collections are higher than any previous year.

## **Set 2025 Meeting Dates:**

Mr. Weidman noted the 2025 meeting dates for the Northwest JEDZ Board will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### 2025 Budget:

Mr. Bickford reported there is not a budget as the only expenses are the audit costs and insurance. He said insurance is paid up until October, 2025. He said he is looking into cost savings options for the audit.

Mr. Muething made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Tom Muething, Secretary

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# Minutes of the Kenwood East Joint Economic Development Zone Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

### December 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Tom Weidman, Vice-Chairman Tracy Schwegmann, Treasurer Michael Norton-Smith, Board Member Tracy Kellums, Executive Director Greg Bickford, Township Law Director Lawrence E. Barbiere, and Township Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeff Uckotter. Secretary Rick Staubach and Board Member Ken Born were absent.

## Approval of Minutes September 3, 2024:

The minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion. Mr. Bickford called roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Kellums: Aye; Norton-Smith: Aye

## **District Update:**

Mr. Norton-Smith reported the East JEDZ has stabilized a little bit. He said there had been an uptick in the number of refunds so \$15,000.00 was added to the refund allowance. He said they will make the adjustment to a quarterly report beginning with the next meeting.

Mr. Weidman said the district looks good, noting year-to-date collections were \$2.3 million. He asked what that could be attributed to.

Mr. Norton-Smith answered a couple of healthy payments were made and in general, the East District has out-performed the Central District over the last year or so.

## 2025 Budget:

Mr. Bickford reported the insurance policy, which is good until October, 2025 is the only expense that the district must bear.

### **Set 2025 Meeting Dates:**

Mr. Weidman noted the 2025 meeting dates for the Northwest JEDZ Board will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Kellums made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. All voted yes.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Rick Staubach, Secretary Record of Proceedings 12/03/2024

# Minutes of the Kenwood Central Joint Economic Development Zone Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

### **December 3, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Tom Weidman, Vice-Chairman Tracy Schwegmann, Treasurer Michael Norton-Smith, Board Member Tracy Kellums, Executive Director Greg Bickford, Township Law Director Lawrence E. Barbiere, and Township Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeff Uckotter. Secretary Rick Staubach and Board Member Ken Born were absent.

## Approval of Minutes September 3, 2024:

The minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion. Mr. Bickford called roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Kellums: Aye; Norton-Smith: Aye

## **District Update:**

Mr. Norton-Smith reported the collections for the Central JEDZ district are down and trailing the 2023 collections by about \$300,000.00.

Mr. Weidman asked if there had been issues collecting temporary tenants at the mall.

Mr. Norton-Smith answered the mall is not as diligent about passing on information about new tenants during the holidays. He said the City of Madeira is trying to be more pro-active about it and work with the Towne Centre to obtain current information.

Mr. Uckotter said he spoke to mall management, and they have no issue providing tenants with the JEDZ information.

### 2025 Budget:

Mr. Bickford reported the only expense for the district is the insurance policy which is good until October, 2025.

## **Set 2025 Meeting Dates:**

Mr. Weidman noted the 2025 meeting dates for the Northwest JEDZ Board will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the JEDZ East Board Meeting.

Mr. Kellums made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Rick Staubach, Secretary Record of Proceedings 12/03/2024