

Greater Manchester Economic Development Board Minutes 11/16/2023

I. Chairman Mitch Umbarger called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

II. **Roll Call; Members Present:**

Mitch Umbarger, Carter Sain, Jon Bell, Steven Crook, Rebecca French, Ken Huddleston

III. **Old Business**

1. Updated information was given regarding working with Golden Shovel to approve, communication was received from Atlanta.
2. Discussed changing the charter through the mayor's office to nine members; charter amendment.

IV. **New Business**

Additional members – The committee would like more members. The difficulty is to find members who do not serve on any other city boards. Must own property in Coffee County. A list will be generated, please send choices in an email to Katy Riddle. Some of the suggestions were: Kimber Ellard, Carla Clay, Patricia Pinegar and Francis Powers.

Steve Crook reported the following updates.

1. Closed on two properties last week.
2. CarMax has closed on the property at the industrial area.
3. Dot foods is moving along quickly with their addition.
4. We are the busiest community in the state of Tennessee currently. Marketing Coffee County 75% from the state.
40% of the leads are the inquiries for the mega site. Multiple large employers have shown interest, we have been quite selective.
5. TCAT is breaking ground before the middle of next year. Approximately a five or six year build out even with a contract now.

V. **Adjournment**

Carter Sain made a motion to adjourn, Mitch Umbarger seconded; meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.