

1 QUAD CITY ENTERPRISE ZONE PUBLIC HEARING

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4 ZOOM PUBLIC HEARING held on Monday, June 22,  
5 2020, beginning at 2:09 a.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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9 Doug Maxeiner, City of East Moline and  
10 Chair of the Quad City Enterprise Zone Board

11 Chris Mathias, City of Moline

12 Steve Seiver, Village of Milan

13 Josh Boudi, Rock Island County

14 Tarah Sipes, City of Rock Island

15 Jim Grafton, City of Silvis

16 Michael Saponaro, Bi-State Regional Commission

17 Denise Bulat, Bi-State Regional Commission

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1                   MR. MAXEINER: Let me just identify  
2 myself. I'm Doug Maxeiner. I'm the chair of the Quad  
3 City Enterprise Zone Board.

4                   I'm going to run through a string of logistics  
5 here about what this is all about and kind of the steps  
6 we are going to be taking today, and then we will open  
7 the public hearing and allow any public comments to come  
8 on.

9                   We have also got several members of the Quad  
10 City Enterprise Zone Board with us today. We do not  
11 need a quorum for this. This is just a public hearing.  
12 There is no action taken on the part of the Enterprise  
13 Zone Board today.

14                  So -- so in a moment, I'm going to be opening  
15 the public hearing. It's regarding the proposed  
16 expansion on the boundaries of the Quad City Enterprise  
17 Zone.

18                  This public hearing is to comply with  
19 statutory requirements on amending the Enterprise Zone.  
20 I am here to present the proposed addition of properties  
21 to the zone, and take any testimony from the public at  
22 large regarding the planned expansion of the boundaries.

23                  We have a virtual sign-in sheet for all of  
24 you, those who are in attendance, and request you  
25 identify yourself and who you represent now.

1           So, Denise, do you want us to go through and  
2 include all of the representatives on the -- on the call  
3 right now?

4           MS. BULAT: Yeah. So I'll just go ahead  
5 and begin.

6           Denise Bulat with Bi-State Regional  
7 Commission.

8           MR. MAXEINER: Doug --

9           MR. SEIVER: Steve Seiver with --

10          MR. MAXEINER: Doug Maxeiner. I'm with  
11 the city of East Moline and the chair of the Enterprise  
12 Zone Board.

13          MR. GRAFTON: Jim Grafton, city of  
14 Silvis.

15          MR. SEIVER: Steve Seiver, village of  
16 Milan.

17          MS. SIPES: Tarah Sipes, city of  
18 Rock Island.

19          MR. MATHIAS: And Chris Mathias, city of  
20 Moline.

21          MR. MAXEINER: Is Josh in there still?  
22 Is he still with us?

23          MR. BOUDI: Can -- can you guys hear me?

24          MS. BULAT: Yes.

25          MR. MAXEINER: We can.

1 MR. BOUDI: Here we go. It's one of  
2 those Mondays. I apologize. Josh Boudi, Rock Island  
3 County.

4 MR. MAXEINER: All right.

5 MR. SAPONARO: Mike Saponaro, Bi-State.

6 MR. MAXEINER: Okay. Is there anybody  
7 else we haven't touched base with here yet? All right.

8 So that sign-in that will be aggregating all  
9 those names together, that will be included in the final  
10 application for the zone boundary expansion. That will  
11 be submitted to the state of Illinois.

12 There is statutory language that requires the  
13 zone conducts at least one public hearing, which is what  
14 we are doing today. And that's on the question of  
15 changing the zone boundaries to add territory.

16 Public notice of the hearing must be published  
17 in one -- at least one newspaper of general circulation  
18 within the zone area in not more than 20 days, nor less  
19 than five days before the zone hearing. I believe we  
20 have accomplished that. We will have the publisher's  
21 aff- -- affidavit that will be included with the  
22 packets. And I think that was published six days ago,  
23 if I'm not mistaken. So like I said, the certificate of  
24 publication will accompany the application.

25 So the Quad City Enter- -- Quad City

1 Enterprise Zone was created through a partnership  
2 involving the municipalities of East Moline, Milan,  
3 Moline, Rock Island and Silvis in the County of  
4 Rock Island, and is outlined in an intergovernmental  
5 agreement that was approved and executed by the  
6 governing bodies of each local government.

7 In order to add territory to the boundaries  
8 of the Enterprise Zone, each party has to amend the  
9 intergovernmental agreement to reflect the area  
10 provided. Each property added must be developed within  
11 two years or be withdrawn from the zone in the same  
12 manner in which it is added.

13 For the addition of territory, it is required  
14 to meet one of at least 11 Enterprise Zone criteria.  
15 This expansion will meet this requirement. Each  
16 property must be contiguous within the zone, and the  
17 addition of the property must not expand the total  
18 area allowed within the zone to a total which exceeds  
19 15 square miles.

20 And if I'm not mistaken, we are just a  
21 little -- so somewhere between 12 and 13 square miles,  
22 if I'm not mistaken. This zone, inclu--- this zone,  
23 inclusive of this amendment, is just over 12 square  
24 miles.

25 Maps of the property proposed for inclusions,

1 along with legal descriptions, have been made available  
2 for review at external posting sites with the partnering  
3 jurisdictions and on the Bi-State Regional Commission  
4 website.

5 As I said earlier, this application will be  
6 submitted to the Department of Commerce and Economic  
7 Opportunity in Springfield upon the adoption and  
8 execution of the ordinances and amending the  
9 intergovernmental agreement by each party to the  
10 agreement.

11 At this time, I will open the public hearing  
12 to comments from the public. Is there anybody --  
13 anybody on the line that would like to comment from the  
14 public? Seeing none.

15 Has any of the member entities received any  
16 comments on the proposed amendment? Hearing none.

17 Is there anyone else in attendance that wishes  
18 to make a public comment regarding the proposal? Also  
19 hearing none.

20 There being no further comments, this public  
21 hearing is now closed. And I believe we have -- I  
22 believe we have met our statutory requirements to  
23 conduct the public hearing.

24 Denise, is there anything else we need to  
25 address here? Denise, are you still with us?

1 MS. BULAT: Sorry. I was on -- I don't  
2 believe we need to do anything else.

3 MR. MAXEINER: Okay. Chris, is there  
4 anything from your perspective?

5 MR. MATHIAS: No. I believe you covered  
6 it well, Doug.

7 MR. MAXEINER: All right. Any other  
8 comments for today? All right. Seeing none.

9 I believe we have met our obligations here,  
10 and we can terminate the meeting at this point. So I  
11 appreciate everybody getting on.

12 (Proceeding concluded at 2:16 p.m.)

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