



MINUTES

Board Meeting
March 12, 2015
Mug Shots Restaurant
4633 Lake Michigan Drive
Allendale, MI 49401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Rizzio, Chairman; Ed Garner Vice Chairman; Sonja Johnson, Director – Van Andel Global Trade Center; Ronald Modreski; Paul Howland, Secretary/Treasurer; Daryl Delabbio; Therese Thill; Jonathan Wilson; Jim MacLellan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Cross; Al Vanderberg; Roger Bergman.

GUESTS: Alicia Cortez, Wolverine Worldwide; Mike Gavle, Wolverine Worldwide; Kendra Townsend, Supply Chain Solutions.

1. Chairman Rizzio called the Kent Ottawa Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone Authority meeting to order at 12:13 P.M. and introduced the three guests.
2. The minutes of the October 23, 2014 KOM FTZ meeting were approved. (Moved by Delabbio. Seconded by Garner.)
3. Treasurer/Secretary Howland gave the financial report. The ledger balance of the 5/3 Bank Certificate of Deposit is \$19,770.77. The ending balance in the KOM FTZ checkbook is \$7,315.85
4. Sonja Johnson gave a quick overview of her activities since the June 25, 2014 Board meeting.
 - Ms. Johnson attended a state-wide Foreign Trade Zone Meeting in Lansing, Michigan on November 6, 2014. She also had the opportunity to meet with Peter Anastor of the state's Transportation and Logistics Supply Team.
 - All issues with Columbian have been resolved. A Columbian customer paid for the company's user fees. In short, "all's well that ends well." with their contract renewed to December 2015.
 - January, 2015. Wolverine Worldwide's annual report arrived around the first of the year. There were many telephone calls to the KOM FTZ office after the December presentation. Ron Modreski, FTZ member, stated that there was a great need for follow-up and was assured by Ms. Johnson that specific follow-up was given to specific inquiries.
 - Southern Lithoplate Inc. activation still remains on hold as the company's executive office faces some unexpected hurdles.
 - February, 2015. Columbian's annual report was delivered to the KOM FTZ office.
 - Ms. Johnson attended the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones (NAFTZ) policy session in Washington, D.C. The meeting proved beneficial as it provided FTZ's from around the country to learn from each other's experiences especially in light of the streamlined FTZ process.
 - Sentlock wants to revisit establishing itself in a foreign trade zone. Ms. Johnson participated in a two and one-half hour meeting with the company.





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- Ms. Johnson spoke on February 26, 2015 about foreign trade zones at the West Michigan World Trade Association event which was hosted by: Amway, BDP International, Cigna, Classic Transportation, Big Dutchman, Supply Chain Solutions and PRA Global.
- On February 27, 2015, Ms. Johnson & Ed Garner participated in a meeting with Supply Chain Solutions held at Scent-Lok regarding using the Mart Dock magnet site in Muskegon or opportunity for becoming a usage driven site.
- March, 2015. U.S. Customs made an inquiry on the status about Southern Lithoplate and using their activated zone project.
- As a result of Joel H. Burgess, Properties Administrator for the Gerald R. Ford International Airport presentation on October 23, 2014 and follow-up meetings with Ms. Johnson and U.S. Customs, the airport can be divided into various foreign trade zone spaces instead of one large area within the airport and used by numerous operators.

5. The election of KOM FTZ officers was rescheduled after the luncheon

6. The review and approval of the proposed 2015 KOM FTZ budget was passed unanimously after the luncheon recess. A copy of the budget is held in the KOM FTZ offices located in the Van Andel Global Trade Center, Grand Valley State University. The only discussion was the desire expressed by the representatives of GVSU that the university break even on its costs incurred by servicing the KOM FTZ.

The meeting recessed at 12:41 P.M. for lunch
The meeting resumed at 1:00 P.M.

The 2015 budget underwent the final discussion, particularly the cost of the legal fees as a result of the Columbian question. Mr. Garner moved and his motion was seconded by Mr. Delabbio. The KOM FTZ voted unanimously to approve.

7. The Board discussed the review of its bylaws. Members were asked if they had any concerns, addition, or corrections before the bylaws were sent to the attorney. As this was being done on a "FYI" basis, no vote was necessary.

8. The next Board meeting will be on September 10, 2015 in Muskegon, Michigan. Site of the meeting will be transmitted to the Board members. Questions that will be discussed at the September, 2015 meeting include: should the Board meet more often and what is the real purpose of the Board since it's not an "operational board."

9. There were no public comments.





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10. Election of Officers. The KOM FTZ voted unanimously for the following slate of officers:

- Chairman: Ed Garner
- Vice Chairman: Ken Rizzio
- Secretary/.Treasurer: Paul Howland

Mr. Delabbio moved and Ms. Thill seconded the motion to elect. The Board approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Paul Howland
Secretary

September 10, 2015

