

**Minutes of the  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
Moline, Illinois**

**Members Present**

Robert Anderson, Governor Appointment  
Ann DeSmith, Henry County Appointment  
Salvador Garza, DCEO Designee  
J. P. Jacobs, Governor Appointment  
Bev Lower, Mercer County Appointment  
Ken Springer, Knox County  
Betty Steinert, Whiteside County Appointment  
Bill Tonne, Jo Daviess Appointment  
Scott Verschoore, Governor Appointment  
Theresa Wittenauer, Governor Appointee

**Members Absent**

Kurt Brunner, Carroll County Appointment  
Harry Coin, Rock Island County Appointment

**Others Present**

Andrew Hamilton, Executive Director  
Warren Ribley  
Jeff Torricelli

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m. The agenda was presented for approval. It was moved by Member Springer and seconded by Member Steinert to approve the agenda. Following discussion, the motion carried. It was moved by Member DeSmith and seconded by Member Tonne to approve the November 14, 2018 meeting minutes and the minutes of all previous meetings. Following discussion, the motion carried. It was noted that a meeting was convened on December 12, 2018 and discussion ensued but due to a lack of quorum no official business was transacted. The Treasurer's Report was suspended.

Staff presented a plan for operations reorganization with Warren Ribley to become Executive Director. It was moved by Member Springer and seconded by Member Tonne to approve the reorganization plan. After discussion thereof, Chairman Verschoore directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the reorganization plan. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Robert Anderson, Ann DeSmith, Salvador Garza, J. P. Jacobs, Bev Lower, Ken Springer, Bill Tonne, Scott Verschoore and Theresa Wittenauer. The following members voted NAY: none. The following members abstained: Betty Steinert. The following members were absent: Kurt Brunner, Mark Appleton, Harry Coin.

Staff presented a budget for 2019. It was moved by Member Steinert and seconded by Member Garza to approve the budget. After discussion thereof, Chairman Verschoore directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the budget. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Robert Anderson, Ann DeSmith, Salvador Garza, J. P. Jacobs, Bev Lower, Ken Springer, Betty Steinert, Bill Tonne, Scott Verschoore and Theresa Wittenauer. The following members voted NAY: none. The following members were absent: Kurt Brunner, Mark Appleton, Harry Coin.

Further discussion centered around other potential projects in the region.

With no further business, a motion was made by Member Springer and seconded by Member Tonne to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Betty Steinert, Secretary



**Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority  
Operations Report  
March 11, 2020**

**A. Ordinance No. 20-001 Enterprise Zone Expansion- South Dixon Solar, Lee County**

Duke Renewable Energy is proposing the development of a large utility scale solar project in unincorporated Lee County. The capital investment is approximately \$500 million. The project will encompass approximately 4,050 acres. The project is expected to provide up to 500MW of renewable electrical energy production that will be delivered to the utility transmission grid that is adjacent to the project location. The project is also anticipated to provide up to 100MW of electrical power battery storage. It is anticipated that this will be the largest solar renewable energy project in Illinois. The utility is requesting inclusion in the QCREDA Enterprise Zone to receive sales tax exemptions on the building materials during construction and an investment tax credit offset on Illinois business income taxes. While the project is adjacent to an existing local enterprise zone, the QCREDA Enterprise Zone has the expansion capacity to include this project unlike the local zone. It is expected that the developer will recede from the QCREDA Enterprise Zone within a few years corresponding to expiration of local property tax abatements that are currently being negotiated at the local level (not through QCREDA).

**B. Resolution No. 20-002 Schedule of Meetings**

A Schedule of Meeting Dates is being presented for 2020 and 2021 to convene meetings of the Board of Directors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Quad Cities International Airport, Restaurant Conference Room, at 10:30 am. The Board meetings will be scheduled monthly but only convened when action on projects or business is required.

**C. Election of Officers**

The following slate of Officers is put forth for consideration by the Board: Scott Verschoore, Chairman; Bill Tonne, Vice Chairman; Betty Steinert, Secretary; Salvador Garza, Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren Ribley  
Executive Director