The mission of the Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create shared prosperity in our community by retaining, sustaining, and enhancing existing businesses and community organizations; attracting and developing new businesses; and improving and upgrading infrastructure.

Minutes

Date: August 12, 2026
Time: 6:15 pm
Location: Longview Community Center, 124 S Washington St, Mt Pulaski, IL 62548

1) Call to Order: Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm
2) Roll Call: In attendance were Andrew Meister, Tracy Pulliam, Erin Wyss, and administrator Deanna Howard. Corey Leonard arrived at 6:26 pm, and Tiffany Justice and Benjamin Butler were absent.
3) Introduction of guests: Judy Knaur, Karen Ballard, Amanda Scattergood, Kaitlin Weitekamp, Jessica Jason, Rick Volle
4) Approval of Consent Agenda, including payments and minutes: **Tracy moved to approve the payments and minutes, and Erin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye. Doug-aye. Motion passed.**
5) Treasurer's Report: Deanna presented the treasurer's report.
6) Old Business:
   a) Longview Community Bank CD: Longview has approved this to roll over as a 12-month CD at 4%. The board discussed splitting these funds into smaller CDs and staggering the maturity dates so that they are not all tied up in one account. **Corey motioned to renew this CD with Longview Community Bank with an amount of $58,500 for 12 months, with the idea that the remaining balance will be invested with different terms, which we will discuss at next month's meeting. Erin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye. Doug-aye, Corey-aye. Motion passed.**
   b) Zion/Heart of the Hill HVAC: Judy and Karen came with Amanda at the board's request to give some insight into the Summer Food program, and Corey Leonard spoke on behalf of Zion Lutheran Church regarding the application for a new HVAC system in the building owned by Zion that is currently the home of Heart of the Hill, NFP's free thrift store and food pantry.
   Zion has already replaced the flooring for approximately $6,000 and the windows for approximately $7,000. If this building were for their use, they would not be replacing the HVAC system. It is Zion's perspective not to furnish utilities for Heart of the Hill, NFP, but to

collaborate with them to make budgeting easier. Amanda spoke of grants available other than EDPB and City of Mt Pulaski Business District Funds, but she has not yet applied for any of them. EDPB tabled this discussion to give the two entities time to coordinate an agreement and Amanda to finalize a business plan including income sources that will provide operating funds for the NFP.

c) BP Station: No action on this item. The board would like to know what the city will contribute to the project via the TIF account.

7) New Business
   a) Market on the Hill: Kaitlin, Rick, and Jess came to update the board on the Market's closing status and to thank the EDPB for the continued support over the years.
   The stockholders have approved either selling the co-operative, merging the co-operative with another entity, or dissolving the co-operative to achieve the best possible outcome for the stockholders and the community.

8) Direct Mail Postcard: Deanna presented an example of a postcard for Fall Festival with optional zip code deliveries with postage and printing estimates. The board decided to eliminate Clinton and Lincoln from the list, add Latham to the list, and to include a registration for 5 $50 local gift cards. **Erin motioned to approve up to $2000 for the Fall Festival Postcard to include $250 worth of local gift cards. Tracy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Andy-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye. Doug-aye, Corey-aye. Motion passed.**

9) Other Business/Non-Agenda Items: Deanna discussed some changes that need to be addressed on the applications and will add them to a future agenda for formal discussion.
10) Executive Session: None
11) Next Meeting: Sep 9, 2026, 6:15 PM
12) Adjournment: Tracy **moved to adjourn, and Doug seconded the motion. All present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm**