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INCUMBENTS RETAIN SEATS ON MVEDP BOARD

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership just concluded its annual board of directors election and the five incumbent board members have retained their seats on the board. The five incumbent board members that retained their seats were Bryan Bennett, Dustin Minarchick, Dr. Bob Steward, Jr., Steve Lyncha and Laura Koshko. Their election wins guaranteed them a new three-year term on the board.

“We had a very strong group of eight candidates that ran in this year’s board election,” said Stan LaFuria, Executive Director of the Partnership. “It has never been easy for challengers to defeat the board incumbents. The three challengers this year were Pauline Raab, Josiah Jones, and Robert Etchells. Each of these professionals are top-notch managers and leaders in their respective fields of child development, tourism development, and senior living facility management. Knowing the history of our elections, the new candidates were still very willing to run for a seat on the board and we are very grateful for their participation,” he said.

The Partnership identified that 155 ballots were mailed to members of the organization. Sixty-one ballots were returned to the office. The bylaws of the Partnership identify the exact election format and procedures for how the election is to be carried out.

Other Partnership board members include: Karen Blair, Wanda Ryen, Jim Pollock, Rusty Christoff, Jeff Herr, Bill Jones, Gene Wardo, John Shimko, Tom Scott, and Fritz Smith. The Centre and Clearfield County Commissioners are also ad hoc board members.

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership is a non-profit economic and community development organization serving the Moshannon Valley region. Building space, sites, and loan programs are made available to entrepreneurs and existing businesses, and to outside companies that are interested in locating to the area.

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