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MVEDP FY 2023 Board of Directors



Front Row: Jim Pollock, Dustin Minarchick, Wanda Ryen, Bryan Bennett
Second Row: Bill Jones, Steve Lynch, Eric White, Robert Steward, Jr., Josiah Jones, Gene Wardo Robert Maltais, Jeff Herr (Absent from Photo: Karen Blair, Rusty Christoff, John Shimko)

Executive Director's Message



On December 16th, I was pleased to attend the grand opening of the new **Moshannon Valley Heritage Center** tourism office that has

been established in downtown Philipsburg. What an outstanding office facility! The old brick walls and wooden floors takes one back to a time long ago.

Congratulations to Susan Swales – Vitullo of the Visit Clearfield County office and to Fritz Smith of the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau for their cooperative efforts to make this new

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MVEDP Board of Directors – President's Passing of the Gavel



Left to Right: Bryan Bennett, Dustin Minarchick

At the Tuesday, December 20th meeting of the Board of Directors of the MVEDP, Bryan Bennett passed the president's gavel to Dustin Minarchick, the newly elected president of the Board.

MVEDP FY 2022 Work & Accomplishments

Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center

Leases Renewed

CIU10 – office area
 CIU10 – warehouse area
 EC Power
 Konecranes
 Cutting Edge Bullets

New Leases

Balfurd, Inc.
 ShipItDone

Other Important Work Completed at the MVEC

- Roof project above Drucker Diagnostics completed by American Roofing (\$56,000)
- Secured an engineer's estimate of the potential cost of replacing the sprinkler line around the MVEC
- MVEDP office renovation project completed
- New electronic equipment purchased to enable Zoom/GO TO mtgs.
- Sprinkler heads tested and determined to be properly functioning

Moshannon Valley Regional Business Center

Leases Renewed

Creotek
 Nittany Laser

New Lease

Advanced Powder Products

Revolving Loan Fund Program

- UMI Performance – 4th loan from MVEDP – purchase of robotic welder
- RLF application rewritten by the staff to update it, added to web site

Land Sales of the MVEDP

- Lot #11 in MVRBP sold to Advanced Powder Products (3 offers received)
- PACP – 12 acres sold to Graystone Philipsburg

MVEDP Assistance to Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation

MVEDP staff worked closely with Dr. Karen Blair on

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visitor center a reality. These folks have great vision for the future of tourism in our two-county region.

FY 2022 will always be remembered as the year that the MVEDP sold the balance of its land holdings. The last lot in our Regional Business Park was sold as well as the remaining 12 acres at our Philipsburg Commerce Park property, the site of the former Philipsburg Area Hospital. The estimated value of the two future investments at the former hospital site is over \$9.5 million. We are working diligently to find a site that can be developed into a business park that will stimulate future private investment here.

There are some other terrific projects being considered in our area including a new townhome development, new sewer service along Rt. 350 to include Glass City, Linnwood and the Twig Settlement area, and the new seats at the Rowland Theatre! When combined with the proposed new MVEMS ambulance headquarters/training facility, and the Graystone residential development, it truly can be said that our area is currently the home to some very positive developments.

The MVEDP and the Moshannon Valley region were just featured in an online publication called **Happy Valley Industry**. Just Google this name and the January 24th edition should pop up which features our area. This piece provides great evidence of the positive economic development that has occurred here since 1990. Our goal when we contacted the folks at Happy Valley Industry was to get an article in their publication that would be seen by the many entrepreneurs in the Happy Valley region.

We are pleased that the MVEDP has been a part of the economic transformation that has occurred here in the past 30 years. Thank you to all our partners in the community who have supported these new developments and the positive growth that has happened here.
 THANK YOU!

Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership, Inc. Key FY 2023 Work Items

- Lease Renewals (8 leases will expire in 2023)
- Business retention (work to assist existing businesses, (i.e. Diamondback Truck Covers)
- Secure new business tenants for the remaining space at the MVEC
- Property search
- MVEC – renovations (Drucker project)
- Accounting/audit – secure proposals and select accounting firm
- USDA – potential funding for improvements to MVEC
- IRS and the MVEDP: resolve the 501c4 versus 501c6 issue
- Renew the MVEDP’s commitment to the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation
- Website upgrades
- Financial management of the MVEDP’s resources
- Membership – chamber of commerce services to be reviewed and expanded if possible
- Diamondback expansion project
- Spotlight on Business features
- Entrepreneurial development – improve the connection with Ben Franklin officials and others in the State College area to generate entrepreneurial interest in the MVEC and Philipsburg/Moshannon Valley Region

“Happy Valley Industry” Publication Features the Moshannon Valley Region

There is a relatively new online publication available now called “Happy Valley Industry.” This publication highlights local tech companies and entrepreneurs from the State College/Happy Valley region and tries to connect them to top talent and other important stakeholders.

Since 1991, there have been 25 business owners from the State College/Happy Valley area that have established their businesses in the Moshannon Valley region. The MVEDP understands the importance of reaching out to the entrepreneurs and business owners in the Happy Valley area. Custom Castings, Diamondback Truck Covers, Advanced Powder Products and Drucker Diagnostics are four of the 25 businesses whose owners set up shop here in the Moshannon Valley.

The MVEDP recently reached out to Happy Valley Industry/Affinity Connection to ask that they consider a feature story about the economic development tools that we have made available to entrepreneurs and business owners for the past 30 years. Greg Woodman, the owner, was pleased to feature the MVEDP and the Moshannon Valley in their January 24th edition of Happy Valley Industry. Just Google Happy Valley Industry and our story will show up. A well-written story about the economic transformation of the greater Philipsburg/Moshannon Valley region.

Available Office Space for Lease!



1,070 SF Office Space Available

The MVEDP currently has office space available at the Moshannon Valley Regional Business Center.

Contact Stan LaFuria at the MVEDP to inquire more information about the available space. Call: 1-814-342-2260 or email: slafuria@mvedp.org.

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“Spotlight on Business” - GEO Moshannon Valley Processing Center



Moshannon Valley Processing Center (MVPC)

The economic benefit of the Moshannon Valley Processing Center is notable. In 2022, the MVPC generated an estimated \$33.5 million to the Clearfield County area, including over \$650,000 in local sales and property taxes. In addition, MVPC employs more than 350 men and women, most of whom live in the Clearfield County area.

The support services provided at immigration processing centers like MVPC are delivered in a safe and humane environment. These facilities are highly rated by independent national accreditation organizations, including the American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Health Care.

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership is pleased to feature the Moshannon Valley Processing Center (MVPC) in this Spotlight on Business feature.

The 243,000 square foot facility, located about 12 miles northwest of Mid-State Regional Airport, was built in 2006 and proudly serves the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with an unyielding commitment to its employees and the people they support.

The Moshannon Valley Processing Center (MVPC) is a contractor operated, secure, processing facility used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). MVPC houses low-security male residents who are being detained while they seek legal immigrant status in the U.S.

“Our mission is to provide the highest level of service to our customer; our primary objective is to ensure the safety of the community, staff, and those entrusted to our care,” said Leonard Oddo, the Facility Administrator for GEO Secure Services. Oddo credits the dedication and outstanding service of the employees for ensuring the facility consistently meets its mission. “Our well-selected, trained, professional staff exhibits dedication, integrity, responsibility, ethical conduct, and pride in their daily lives.”

mission on Health Care.

The MVPC strives daily to foster a healthy facility culture that promotes the social wellbeing of those entrusted to their care. There is 24/7 access to medical, dental, and mental health services. They have access to telephones, in person and video visitation, legal services, faith-based opportunities, healthy snacks, hygiene products, and culturally sensitive menu options available upon request. Recreational amenities include turf soccer fields, exercise equipment, and flat screen TVs in the living areas. Appropriate clothing is also provided for residents for the cold Pennsylvania winters.

The MVPC team is also deeply committed to its community. Each year, they provide local scholarships and charitable donations totaling approximately \$20,000. This past November, MVPC conducted a Thanksgiving Day food drive with the Philipsburg Community Action Center that provided full Thanksgiving meals – including a turkey – for 25 families, then partnered with Poppy & Co. Café for a Christmas meal food drive that prepared and delivered meals to area shut-ins. The facility partnered with Cen-Clear Child Services for its annual Giving Tree, which provided toys, hats, gloves and scarves to less fortunate children. MVPC staff also participated in a Holiday Cheer drive, collecting donations for area nursing homes.

Thank You Members

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership thanks you for your support of our economic & community development efforts!

Renewals 4th Quarter

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 Philipsburg Marble & Granite

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MVEDP - PRC Cooperation Agreement



Left to Right: Dustin Minarchick, Eric Rusnak

The MVEDP and the PRC continue to work toward the revitalization of the downtown Philipsburg area. Pictured is Dustin Minarchick, President of the MVEDP and Eric Rusnak, President of the PRC signing the new Cooperation Agreement for FY 2023.

The MVEDP first got involved in the downtown revitalization effort in 1996, a year after the McCrory's store closed. Through the financial support of the business community from the area, the state's Main Street Program was brought to the downtown with the first-ever full-time manager of the revitalization effort. The already existing Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation organization was resurrected and continues to work on downtown development to this day.

The Borough of Philipsburg has been an extremely important partner in the downtown revitalization effort. Their recent use of eminent domain powers has had a very positive impact on the physical appearance and safety of the downtown area. The MVEDP and the PRC will continue to partner with the borough and the business community to enhance the downtown commercial district.

MVEDP FY 2022 Work & Accomplishments

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multiple grant applications to find financial assistance for the PRC's projects. The Cooperation Agreement with the PRC was reestablished

MVEDP Assistance to Moshannon Valley Emergency Medical Services

- the MVEDP worked closely with MVEMS leadership to find funding for their \$2.0 million new ambulance headquarters and training facility
- the MVEDP identified the Appalachian Region Commission as a potential source of funding and working through Neil Fowler of DCED/ARC, the MVEMS was preliminarily approved for a \$300,000 federal ARC grant

Miscellaneous Work and Accomplishments

- Assisted Congressman Glenn Thompson with his Advisory Committee
- MVEDP's 34th Annual Luncheon – another successful member event
- GEO – Immigration Facility; community advisory board – serve with pride
- Houtzdale Revitalization Association – grant approved for HRA project
- Rush Township – support for their projects, letters of support provided
- MVEDP Board of Directors election/recruitment of new board members
- KOZ renewed – Lot #11 – MVRBP and PACP
- Newsletters completed – Winter/December 2021 & Spring, Summer, and Fall 2022
- Land search – two offers were made to property owners but not approved
- COVID 19 – continued monitoring of business tenants
- Local governments – dissemination of information to assist them
- "Spotlight on Business" features
- Manufacturers – dissemination of information about state and federal initiatives aimed at growing our manufacturers
- U.S. Senator Bob Casey – Elizabeth Kishbaug
- DCED – the MVEDP's certification through DCED remained intact to administer the PIDA loan program in Centre County/Mo. Valley

MVEDP Sets the Interest Rate On Its Loan Program

The MVEDP's Revolving Loan Fund Program has been available to local businesses since 1991. This matching loan funding can be used for working capital, machinery and equipment purchases, and for land acquisitions and building projects.

The new interest rate for the program **has been set at 4%**. Jeff Herr is the chairman of the MVEDP's revolving loan fund committee. Other loan committee members include: Bill Jones, Rusty Christoff, Dustin Minarchick, Bryan Bennett, Jim Pollock, and Gary Turner

One of the best features of the RLF program is its quick turnaround time. Once a completed application is received by the MVEDP, a meeting of the committee is called and if the loan is approved, the loan proceeds can be available to the borrower in less than 30 days.

Contact the MVEDP office at 342-2260 if you have a business that needs matching loan financing for a project.

Save The Date!

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership's Annual Dinner

Celebrating 35 Years of Excellence.

Come and Celebrate!

Evening Event

Date: April 27, 2023

Place: The View, LLC
970 Six Mile Road
Philipsburg, PA 16866

Additional information will be sent out at a later date.

Thank You Members Continued From Page 6

Philipsburg Beverage, Inc.
 Philipsburg Kiwanis Club
 PolyK Technologies, LLC
 Pre-Cut Lumber
 Providence Engineering Corp.
 Rush Township
 Sharon Foreman The Beauty Shop
 Skills of Central PA
 Sneath Fire Safety Equipment, Inc.
 Stone Valley Construction, LLC
 Truss Tech, Inc.
 Vaux Electronics
 Windy Hill Village of the Presbyterian Home

Chamber Member Benefits Through the MVEDP

- ChamberChoice:
 - Group Health Insurance -Dental
 - Life/Disability Insurance -Vision
- OnDemand Energy Solutions:
 - Electric Savings Program
- Free listing in our online business directory
- Invitation to all MVEDP events
- Email blasts to chamber members.
- E-communications concerning:
 - Seminars -Training opportunities
 - Export opportunities -Funding opportunities
- Voting rights for MVEDP board of directors
- Quarterly newsletter which provides information about potential new business opportunities
- Free advertising in the MVEDP's newsletter
- Sponsorship opportunities which is inexpensive advertising
- The benefit of the MVEDP's work to lobby for pro-business causes
- The benefit of the MVEDP's business connections to state and federal agencies



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