

KENDALL COUNTY ILLINOIS

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 19, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Audra Hendrix at 9:06 a.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Chair Audra Hendrix, Lynn Cullick, Matt Kellogg, Elizabeth Flowers

Committee Members Absent: Scott Gryder

Elected Officials Present:

Staff Present: Andrez Beltran, Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator;
Members of the Public:

Approval of Agenda – Member Cullick made the motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Member Kellogg. **Approved 4-0.**

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Member Cullick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 20 meeting. Seconded by Member Kellogg. **Approved 4-0.**

Committee Business

Tax Abatement forms and scoring

Mr. Beltran stated there has been a number of inquiries about property tax abatement for projects. The last tax abatement given was for Wrigley' expansion in 2014. Standard applications, forms, and formulas for abatement had been created, but were never officially adopted by the Committee.

The Committee examined the documents. They discussed the need for questions 5 and 6 on the scoring forms. After deliberating on it, they asked Mr. Beltran to research what other Counties have used for scoring and to bring it back to the Committee.

Strategic Plan

Mr. Beltran stated staff wanted to bring the discussion back to the Committee for a final look. He said there was one significant addition from last time: there seems to be momentum now for the creation of a tourism bureau. He asked if the Committee would support the addition. The committee stated they did.

Chair Hendrix asked if there was a consensus on accepting this as the plan for this year. The Committee gave a positive consensus to do so.

Discussion of Drafting a Letter to Kendall County Representatives to advocate for removal of 47 Ill. Admin. Code 110.360(e) (Revolving Loan Fund)

Chair Hendrix stated she wanted to discuss drafting a letter to Kendall's representatives to make sure the issue of the administrative code blocking using the Revolving Fund Loan money from being used under the new strategy was not forgotten about. The Committee agreed. Member Cullick stated that Board members were going to UCCI, and there was a topic on legislation issues

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for the Counties. She stated she would be happy to add this in. The Committee agreed and thanked her.

Updates and Reports

Revolving Fund Loans

- *Monthly Loan Statements*

Mr. Beltran stated that there is currently approximately \$1.7 million dollars available to loan. Currently all loans except Lucky Beef and Dog's is current.

Chair Hendrix asked if Mr. Beltran had heard from him. Mr. Beltran had stated he had not. The Committee decided after the vote at the County Board that Mr. Beltran should not have any contact with the owners' of Lucky Dogs. The Committee agreed.

Chair Hendrix asked for a vote on it. Member Cullick made the motion. Member Flowers seconded. **Approved 4-0.**

Economic Indicator Dashboard

Mr. Beltran stated that the Economic Indicator Dashboard for 2017Q3 was included in the packet. There was a significant decrease from the prior quarters; however, this may be market correction. He pointed out that though unemployment was up, so was number of people in the workforce. The Committee thanked him for the information.

2017 Residential Building Permit Information

Mr. Beltran stated that 2017 Residential building permits as provided by Kendall County Planning Building and Zoning were included in the packet. Overall permits and value of construction are up over the previous year. He said it bode well for growth. The Committee thanked him for the information.

Chairwoman's Report - None

Public Comment – None

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

At 9:57 a.m., Member Kellogg made to adjourn. Member Flowers seconded. With no objection, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrez P. Beltran
Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator