

# KENDALL COUNTY ILLINOIS

## Economic Development Committee

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Meeting Minutes  
Friday, August 26, 2016

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Koukol at 8:34 a.m.

### Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Chairman Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, Lynn Cullick, Scott Gryder

Committee Members Absent: Judy Gilmour

Staff Present: Andrez Beltran, Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator; Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator

Members of the Public:

**Approval of Agenda** – Mr. Gryder made the motion to approve the agenda with that amendment. It was seconded by Mr. Prochaska. **Approved 4-0.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Ms. Cullick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Prochaska. **Approved 4-0.**

### New Business

#### *Kendall Economic Forecast Breakfast – October 21*

Mr. Beltran stated that the Kendall Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) will be hosting an Economic Forecast Breakfast on October 21 at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club. The keynote speaker is Rick Mattoon, Senior Economist of the Chicago Federal Reserve. All Board members are invited to attend.

KEDA is a cooperative alliance of Kendall County, Village of Oswego, Montgomery Economic Development Corporation, United City of Yorkville, Plano Economic Development Corporation, Sandwich Economic Development Corporation, Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center and Waubensee Community College.

Mr. Beltran also stated there were a sponsor and several reservations.

#### *National Manufacturing Day: October 7*

Chairman Koukol stated that in recognition of manufacturing's contribution to the County the Committee will see a resolution in September highlighting National Manufacturing Day on October 7 to be sent to the County Board.

Mr. Beltran stated that he was unaware of any other events going on for National Manufacturing Day but would keep the Committee informed.

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*Discussion: Making Manufacturing Matters Dinner and Kendall Manufacturer of the Year Award*

Mr. Gryder stated that Wrigley was honored to be the Manufacturer of the Year last year.

Mr. Wilkins added that at the recent KEDA meeting there were no nominations put forward; the primary concern was the \$5,000 for a table.

Mr. Prochaska stated that Grundy County Board Chairman Chris Balkema may have a contact in Caterpillar. Mr. Beltran said he would reach out to them.

The Committee also discussed possibly holding local business awards in conjunction with KEDA. Mr. Beltran stated he would discuss it with KEDA.

### **Old Business**

#### *Revolving Fund Loans*

- *Review: Monthly Statements*

Mr. Beltran reviewed the current Revolving Fund Loan Reports from July 1, 2016 to July 31, 2016. All current payments are in for the month. Current available loan amount is approximately \$1.7 million.

- *Update: Revolving Fund Loan Pre-Applications*

Mr. Beltran stated that Kelly Browning of Arts on Fire is currently in discussion with Heartland Bank on the property she is looking to purchase. Until that is finalized, both parties thought it best to not turn in an application.

#### *Business Retention & Expansion*

Mr. Beltran stated Steve Schiera of Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC) invited him along on a visit to Alpha Precision in Yorkville. It is located on Route 126 behind Martin Plumbing. Alpha Precision manufactures glass sensors with precise configurations for industries like automotive and health care.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Koukol updated the Committee on new businesses opening in the County.

Ms. Cullick stated that Longhorn Steakhouse will be locating in Oswego.

Mr. Prochaska had no new updates for Bristol.

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Mr. Gryder stated that another banquet hall was looking at opening in the County. In addition, he inquired about the possibility of green energy production in the County.

Mr. Wilkins updated the Committee on the status of MetroNet fiber service in the County and the Yorkville comprehensive land use plan.

**Public Comment** – None

**Executive Session** - None

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Prochaska moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cullick. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee at 9:41 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrez P. Beltran  
Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator