

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for Friday, February 26, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dan Koukol at 8:00a.m.

Roll Call

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Amy Cesich	Present		
Scott Gryder		8:01a.m.	
Matt Kellogg	Here		9:12a.m.
Dan Koukol	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

Others Present: County Administrator Scott Koeppl, Lindsay Bloos, Thomas P. Miller & Associates

Approval of Agenda – Member Cesich made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Kellogg.

ROLL CALL VOTE

MEMBER	VOTE
Dan Koukol	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Amy Cesich	Yes
Matt Kellogg	Yes

With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of January 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Member Koukol made a motion to approve the January 29, 2021 meeting minutes, second by Member Kellogg.

ROLL CALL VOTE

MEMBER	VOTE
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Amy Cesich	Yes
Matt Kellogg	Yes
Dan Koukol	Yes

With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Committee Business

- *Discussion of Virtual Booth for IL Statewide College Virtual Career Fair on Friday, April 9, 2021* – Mr. Koeppl reported that Waubensee Community College has invited the County and 16 other community colleges to participate in a statewide virtual Career Fair from 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021. The hope is to connect students and

community residents with potential employers, resources and services. The county is invited to register for a virtual booth at no charge to promote relevant resources and services related to anyone seeking employment. Mr. Koepfel stated that the county doesn't have a large number of open positions, but wondered if the committee was interested in participating. **There was consensus from the committee to have Mr. Koepfel forward the information to the Sheriff's Office and Health Department if they'd like to get involved.**

Discussion of the Kendall County Revolving Loan Fund Recapture Strategy – Mr. Koepfel reviewed the recapture strategy and ordinance from 2019. Mr. Koepfel stated that we haven't had many revolving loans, and that most that are interested are seeking a larger amount of funding. The committee sets the loan amount, the years, the percentage rates, and the guidelines. Mr. Koepfel stated that how he will evaluate pre-application and applications for loans depends on how the recapture strategy is set by the County Board, because that's the only rules he has to use.

Mr. Koepfel reminded the group that some funds were designated to support municipalities participating in the Downstate Small Business loans. Koepfel said that the loan for Kennedy Point through Kendall County will be completed in early April, and the funding is forthcoming for Top-Notch Kennels (won their appeal) and will be closed shortly as well.

Member Koukol stated that he wanted to remove a specified dollar amount in the Recapture Strategy, and lower the interest rate for the new loan applicants from the Recapture Strategy. Discussion of the current approved Recapture Strategy including the seven goals and objectives, the evaluation based on these goals and objectives, the current interest rate, and the risk of this type of loan.

Member Cesich and Member Vickers both strongly emphasized the need for consistency and equity in the guidelines and restrictions approved by the Board for Revolving Loans, and fairness in approval and distribution of loan funding.

Mr. Koepfel stated that if the committee chooses to amend the Recapture Strategy, that he would suggested having a separate non-profit section in the document and including clarification of the property tax difference for Business applicants versus Non-Profit applicants, and the addition of requiring a \$500 deposit for all loan applications.

Member Koukol made a motion to remove the fixed loan amount from the Recapture Strategy, second by Member Kellogg.

ROLL CALL VOTE

MEMBER	VOTE
Scott Gryder	No
Matt Kellogg	Yes
Dan Koukol	Yes
Robyn Vickers	No
Amy Cesich	No

With members Cesich, Gryder and Vickers voting no, and Members Kellogg and Koukol voting yes, the motion failed by a vote of 3-2.

Discussion of scoring sheets, raising the loan cap amount. The committee agreed that it was necessary to have a scoring sheet to the application evaluations, and to possibly increase the loan cap amount to \$200,000.

Member Koukol made a motion to increase the threshold to a maximum of \$200,000, and to include a scoring sheet to all applications, second by Member Gryder.

ROLL CALL VOTE

MEMBER	VOTE
Matt Kellogg	Yes
Dan Koukol	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Amy Cesich	No
Scott Gryder	Yes

With member Cesich voting no, and members Gryder, Vickers, Kellogg and Koukol voting yes, the motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

The committee asked Mr. Koeppel to prepare draft separate scoring sheets for Business and Non-Profit applicants for review and discussion at the March meeting.

- ***Discussion of Revolving Loan Fund Pre-Application for Rehab Properties, LLC*** – Mr. Koeppel briefed the committee on the pre-application for Rehab Properties, and shared his findings and suggestions with the Committee. Discussion on the business, the pre-application, and the qualifications for applicants applying for Revolving Loan funding. Member Koukol made a motion to approve the pre-application of Rehab Properties, LLC, second by Member Gryder.

MEMBER	VOTE
Amy Cesich	No
Scott Gryder	No
Matt Kellogg	No
Dan Koukol	Yes
Robyn Vickers	No

With members Gryder, Cesich, Vickers and Kellogg voting no, and Member Koukol voting yes, the motion failed by a vote of 4-1.

Updates and Reports – None

Chairs Report – Chair Koukol reported that he continues having discussions throughout the county with business owners about the Revolving Loan Fund available to qualified applicants, and encourages them to submit the pre-application if interested.

Items for the March 2, 2021 County Board Meeting - None

Items for the March 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting - None

Public Comment – None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjournment - Member Gryder made a motion to adjourn, second by Member Vickers.

Attendee	Vote
Scott Gryder	Yes
Matt Kellogg	Yes
Dan Koukol	Yes
Robyn Vickers	Yes
Amy Cesich	Yes

With members present voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:15a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant & Recording Secretary