

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 30, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Audra Hendrix at 9:00a.m.

Roll Call

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Amy Cesich	Present		
Scott Gryder		9:04 am	
Audra Hendrix	Here		
Matthew Prochaska	Here		
Robyn Vickers	Here		

Staff Present: Scott Koepfel

Approval of Agenda – Member Cesich made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Prochaska. **With four members voting aye, the motion was approved.**

Approval of July 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Member Cesich made a motion to approve the July 26, 2019 meeting minutes, second by Member Vickers. **With four members voting aye, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.**

Committee Business

- *Discussion of Kendall County EDO Funding* – Mr. Koepfel reported that staff received correspondence from the DCEO via the County’s lobbyist stating that Revolving Loan Fund monies may be used in any manner deemed appropriate by that unit of government. Chair Hendrix asked that the correspondence be included in the packet and noted in the minutes. She also requested Mr. Koepfel inquire about Board members’ personal liability with the State’s Attorney Office. **There was consensus to forward the correspondence to the COW for discussion of the full Board.**

- *Discussion of Waubensee Small Business Development Center* – Chair Hendrix suggested that the Committee utilize the Waubensee Small Business Development Center, by requiring loan applicants to go to the WSBDC for a business plan and other classes. Member Gryder suggested the County collaborate with the Development Center to host a workshop. Member Prochaska indicated that working with the Development Center was a good idea, however he was already concerned with the length of the loan application process. Mr. Koepfel also indicated he would like assistance in reviewing a Business Plan and determining financial viability of the applicant. **There was consensus to direct loan applicants to the Development Center for assistance, however it is not a requirement to get a loan.**

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- *Discussion of EDO Breakfast* – Member Prochaska suggested the event be linked to the EDO forming and it be a dinner or fundraiser. Other Members agreed. Mr. Koeppel also noted that once given the go ahead to form the EDO he needed legal assistance weather from the SAO or an outside Attorney.

Updates and Reports – Member Gryder asked about retaining the lobbyist and budget. The fee came out of the Highway budget this fiscal year. The County did get funding for several roads as part of Rebuild IL.

Chairs Report – Chair Hendrix reported that she and Member Cesich attended the Counties and Cannabis Seminar. She indicated they gleaned important information about zoning. law enforcement and employee topics that need to be addressed before January 1 when the new law goes into effect. Member Gryder asked if this was discussed at LJL and if there was a recommendation forwarded to COW for further discussion. Member Prochaska indicated that PBZ has been discussing zoning regulations as it relates to the new law.

Items for the September 3, 2019 County Board Meeting - None

Items for the September 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting

- Discussion of Economic Development Organization

Public Comment – None

Executive Committee – Not needed

Adjournment - Member Prochaska made a motion to adjourn, second by Member Vickers. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:58a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mera Johnson
Risk Management & Compliance Coordinator

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