Kendall County
Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 25, 2013
Kendall County Board Room

Call to Order
The Economic Development Committee met at 8:30 a.m. and was called to order by Dan Koukol, Chairman of the Kendall County Economic Development Committee.

Roll Call
Members Present: Dan Koukol, Judy Gilmour, Amy Cesich, and Matt Prochaska
Members Absent: Lynn Cullick
Other Board Members Present: None
Staff Present: Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator, and John Sterrett, Economic Development Coordinator

Approval of Agenda
Ms. Cesich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prochaska, to approve the October 25, 2013 agenda. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Mr. Prochaska made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilmour, to approve the September 27, 2013 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

New Business
None

Old Business
Business Resource Roundtable Breakfast
Mr. Sterrett stated that the Business Resource Roundtable event is being finalized and passed out an agenda for program. The event is occurring on Thursday, November 14th.

2014 Kendall Economic Forecast Breakfast
Mr. Koukol gave an update to the forecast breakfast and that it will occur on February 4, 2014.

FY14 Economic Development Budget
Mr. Wilkins went through the amended budget process and explained how the budget for Economic Development has developed over time. Mr. Wilkins also explained the FY13 amended budget and FY14 budget for Economic Development.

Illinois Economic Development Guide Advertisement
Mr. Koukol stated that during the last Kendall Economic Development Alliance meeting the 2014 Illinois Economic Development magazine advertisement was discussed. During the discussion, there was a consensus from the group of local economic development corporations to not pursue an advertisement in the 2014 edition and to explore other marketing options.

Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program
Mr. Sterrett updated the Committee on the status of the existing loans through the County’s Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program. All existing loans have paid for the month.

Other Business
None

Chairman’s Report
Mr. Koukol gave an update to the recent Kendall Economic Development Alliance meeting and commented on some of the activities occurring in the communities. Some of the projects include a
production facility for dairy drinks locating in Oswego from California, the Butterball facility in Montgomery, the new movie theater in Yorkville, and the Plano Molding job additions in Plano. The Committee discussed the Brisbin Road interchange and the expansion of Brisbin Road in Grundy County. Mr. Wilkins stated that the Minooka Ridge complex in Minooka is close to providing additional infrastructure to the site for any future expansion. The Committee briefly discussed property tax abatements.

Mr. Koukol polled the committee about what type of businesses they would like to see come into the county. The Committee felt the addition of additional grocery, food, and clothing options in the Kendall was important. Food manufacturing should be a targeted industry and high tech robotic manufacturing as well. Regional headquarters as well as auto auctions are also important. Mr. Koukol stated that obtaining businesses such as these depend on having proper resources.

**Public Comment** - None

**Executive Committee** - None

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Prochaska moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilmour. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee, at 9:30 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John H. Sterrett,*

Recording Secretary