Kendall County
Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 23, 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, Lynn Cullick, Amy Cesich, and Matt Prochaska
Members Absent: None
Other Board Members Present: None
Staff Present: Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator, and John Sterrett, Economic Development Coordinator

Approval of Agenda
Ms. Cullick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilmour, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Ms. Gilmour made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cullick, to approve the July 26, 2013 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

New Business
November Roundtable
The Committee discussed planning and hosting a business roundtable event in November at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course. Mr. Koukol provided background information on the previous two roundtables that the County had hosted and explained that the participants at the previous roundtable events were a mix of developers, local businesses, community leaders, and banks. Some of the discussion topics at the previous roundtables included the community survey that had occurred prior to the roundtable, the streamlined zoning process, and the economic development plan. The committee discussed having ‘break-out’ sessions at the November roundtable event so that participants can discuss certain topics at small group tables. This would enable attendees to learn information on economic development resources available for businesses in Kendall County. The event will be geared towards businesses, developers, realtors, community leaders, and school district personnel.

The date and the format of the event will be provided at the next Committee meeting. The event will be marketed in September and October.

Old Business
2013 Association of Industrial Realtors Tradeshow (AIRE)
Mr. Sterrett the Committee the exhibit display that the County uses at the AIRE Industrial Tradeshow and explained the graphics that are used on the display. Mr. Sterrett described the resources that are distributed at the Tradeshow including demographic information, business statistics, and available properties. The Tradeshow is occurring on Thursday, September 12th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

2014 Kendall Economic Forecast Breakfast
Mr. Wilkins gave an update on the planning of the 2014 Kendall Economic Forecast Breakfast featuring Rick Mattoon as the speaker. The event is taking place Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Economic Development staff will continue to work with the Kendall Economic Development Alliance on the planning of the event.
Metropolitan Economic Growth Alliance
Mr. Sterrett updated the Committee on the invoice status for the County’s membership to the Metropolitan Economic Growth Alliance.

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. Mr. Sterrett also provided the Committee with new marketing materials for the loan program including an information card highlighting key components to the program. These cards will be distributed to local banks, chambers of commerce, municipal buildings, EDCs, etc. The Committee discussed what other communities in Illinois utilize the revolving fund program and how the revolving fund program differs from loans given by banks. Mr. Wilkins explained the history of the County’s involvement with the loan program and the guidelines to the program.

Other Business
The Committee discussed the Countryside TIF District in Yorkville where the new movie theater is being constructed. Mr. Koukol said he would get an update on the TIF District from the Yorkville Economic Development Corporation.

Chairman’s Report - None
Public Comment - None
Executive Committee - 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 9:30 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. Sterrett,
Recording Secretary