

Montgomery County Board

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 8th, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM – County Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle, Megan Beeler, Ron Deabenderfer, Jay Martin, Dave Ronen and County Board Chairman Roy Hertel

Members Absent: Nikki Bishop

Others Present: Sandy Leitheiser and Lindsay Wagahoff

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval MCEDC:** MCEDC Director Lindsay Wagahoff reported that she has done a radio interview with Tobin Ott from WSMI and that the MCEDC annual meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 and will be held at the Church Street Pub in Hillsboro. The Weatherization Grant has eight people signed up for their next class that will begin on February 1st. The goal is to have 15 people enroll in these classes. The committee discussed various ideas to get the word out and get people signed up for the classes. The MCEDC is also working with various officials and agencies regarding the Eagle Zinc property cleanup efforts. Wagahoff also reported that the Sierra Club has filed a lawsuit regarding the variance that was granted to Dynegy (Formally Ameren).
2. **Update/Approval Revolving Loan Fund Report:** Wagahoff reported that both RLF participants have been making their payments. There have been some RLF inquiries and paperwork completed. Committee Chairman Hampton+Knodle and Lindsay Wagahoff worked on the Revolving Loan Fund Policy and Procedure Manual and shared the language changes with the committee. The committee reviewed the revisions and had a language change in Section 3.7 on page 5. These changes will be presented to the RLF Board at their meeting next Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 at 5:00 PM in the Annex Conference Room. The Economic Development Committee will then review any comments and concerns that the RLF has at their regular meeting in February. The Economic Development Committee will then make a recommendation to approve the changes to the RLF Policy and Procedure Manual at the February Board meeting.
3. **Update/Approval Mineral Trust Fund:** Hampton+Knodle will share her “Thought” paper with the Finance Committee and will attend their next meeting tomorrow afternoon.
4. **Update/Approval Central Illinois Economic Development Authority:** Hampton+Knodle is doubtful the project will go through. The potential housing redevelopment project in Sangamon County may not go through. The borrower selected CIEDA as a preferred lender.
5. **Update/Approval Planning Commission:** Hampton+Knodle stated that the Planning Commission will be looking at some recommendations for the Structural Notification permit. Hampton+Knodle will contact Betsy Wilson to see if anything is needed for a structural notification permit.
6. **Update/Approval West Central Annual Report:** The committee discussed the West Central Planning Committee Annual Document revisions that need to be sent to us. Hampton+Knodle will follow up so see if she has received any emails from them.

7. **Update/Approval EZ Quarterly Mayors Meeting:** Will be schedule for Wednesday, February 5th at 5:30 p.m. There are several things on the agenda and refreshments will be served.
8. **Update/Approval Other Business:**
 - Clean Line Energy Grain Belt Transmission contacted Heather. Rick Cornell contacted Hampton+Knodle just before Christmas. There is a revised memorandum that Hampton+Knodle forwarded to Betsy Wilson to review. He wants to set up meetings to help them market the project in February or March. The document will be reviewed first. On January 20th, 2014 at 1:00 PM there will be a meeting hosted by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau regarding land easements for the Clean Line Energy Grain Belt Transmission and Ameren projects.
 - Hampton+Knodle responded to a reported with the State Journal Register who did a news article regarding the population decrease in rural areas.

There are no bills this month.

Motion by Jay Martin, second by David Ronen to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.