



City of Pekin

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 2, 2020

12:00 p.m. Pekin City Hall

Members Present: Mack Cakora, John Campbell, Keith Dunkelbarger, Danielle Owens, Earl Riley, Pat Taphorn, Amy McCoy, Dennis Short

Others Attendees: Matt Fick, Todd Dugan, Alyson Grady, Caty Campbell

1.0 Meeting called to order by Mack Cakora at 12:00 PM.

2.0 Motion made by Keith Dunkelbarger, seconded by Earl Riley, to approve the October 5 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

3.0 New Business: Alyson Grady, representing the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, presented the Committee with information on the Restore Illinois Phase 4 Guidelines, the Business Interruption Grant Program and other programs offered by DCEO. Todd Dugan, manager of the Pekin Municipal Airport, gave an update on the airport expansion project. He indicated the City Council was going to be voting on the financing of 10 new hangers and other improvements to the facility that would help it maintain current and attract new users. John Campbell with Pekin Insurance gave an overview of the company and discussed the current expansion efforts. He indicated they would have 900 employees in the company when their expansion was completed.

4.0 City Economic Development Updates: Matt Fick, gave an update on the BDD and TIF establishment projects. The BDD is set to go before council for a vote on December 7th and the TIF will be voted on at the first meeting in January. He also gave updates on a recent TIF redevelopment agreement with Riverway Growers to help them fund the construction of a craft cannabis growing facility in the Riverway Business Park, and updated the Committee on a revised agreement with ElecSys, which will help them acquire and improve 205 Enterprise Drive, also located in the Business Park.

5.0 Round Table Updates were provided.

6.0 There were no public questions or comments.

7.0 Motion by Dennis Short, seconded by Amy McCoy to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 PM, motion carried.