



City of Pekin

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 6, 2020

12:00 p.m. Pekin City Hall

Members Present: Pat Taphorn, Buster Hanley, John Campbell, Bill Fleming, Drew Leman, Glayn Worrell, Earl Riley, Mack Cakora, John Campbell, Keith Dunkelbarger,

Others Attendees: Mayor Luft, City Manager Rothert, Matt Fick, Tony Rolando, Chris Setti

1.0 Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2.0 Bill Fleming made a motion, seconded by Pat Taphorn, to approve the October minutes, motion carried.

3.0 New Business: New Committee member Frank Dunkelbarger was introduced. He informed the Committee that he was a Pekin business owner and had always been interested in economic development and was honored when asked to serve by Mayor Luft.

Staff gave a presentation of potential projects for submission to the Peoria Economic Development Council (EDAC) for inclusion in the updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document. EDAC members were asked to provide feedback and rank the projects. Chris Setti, Executive Director for the Peoria EDC, provided his thoughts on which projects he felt would make for good submittals and reminded the committee that inclusion in the CEDS document did not guarantee funding, but it did create the opportunity for projects to be seen by multiple funding agencies. Following discussion, the Committee picked its' top four projects for submittal which included: expansion of the Pekin Municipal Airport, Court Street repaving, extension of infrastructure along Veterans to Broadway and extension of infrastructure within Riverway Business Park North.

4.0 City Economic Development Updates: City Manager Rothert provided an update on Elexis, which is a company located in Pekin that is evaluating expanding. He also gave an update on the process of hiring a TIF consultant to set up a new TIF and BDD districts in Pekin and the timeframe to accomplish. Economic Development Manager gave an update on BC BBQ, a new restaurant that opened recently with the help of Tax Increment Financing funds. He also updated the Committee on anticipated Airport improvements.

5.0 Round Table Updates were provided.

6.0 There were no public questions or comments.

7.0 Meeting adjourned at 1:15