

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MARCH 16, 2006

The Economic Policy Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation") met on March 16, 2006 at the Regional Economic Growth Center, 300 E. Main Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Present at the meeting were committee members John Mutz, Kip Tom and Bill Mays. Committee member Bob Koch was unable to attend due to a conflict. Representing the Corporation were Chad J. Sweeney, Ryan Asberry and Tom Skidmore.

John Mutz, as chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order. Mr. Mutz noted that a sufficient number of the members of the Committee were present to constitute a quorum.

Mr. Mutz also recognized that the meeting of the Committee was being held in full compliance with the open door and open records laws of the State of Indiana and noted that all postings and other related requirements were observed.

Mr. Mutz then reviewed and presented for approval the minutes from the previous meeting of the Economic Policy Committee, held on September 22, 2005 in Merrillville, Indiana. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the prior meeting were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Mutz then called upon Chad J. Sweeney, as the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation to present projects for approval. Mr. Sweeney summarized several economic development projects for consideration and approval by the Committee. The following incentives for each of the projects were recommended to the Committee for approval:

Bentler Automotive:

\$175,000 in Training Assistance
\$3,650,000 in Economic Development for a Growing Economy ("EDGE") Tax Credits
\$1,000,000 in Hoosier Business Investment ("HBI") Tax Credits

Baugh Midwest Cooperative, Inc. (SYSCO):

\$250,000 in Training Assistance
\$725,000 in Infrastructure Assistance
\$6,100,000 in EDGE Tax Credits
\$2,000,000 in HBI Tax Credits

Mr. Mutz opened up the floor for questions on the projects. Following discussion on each project, a motion was made to approve the projects. The motion to approve the projects was seconded and unanimously approved by all Committee members present.

Mr. Sweeney then presented for consideration an application received by the IEDC for certification of a building in Richmond, Indiana as an Industrial Recovery Site under I.C. 6-3.1-11. Mr. Sweeney summarized the Industrial Recovery Site Tax Credit program for the committee and noted that the facility subject to the application did meet the threshold requirements. Mr. Sweeney also noted that according to the application the certification was requested to incentivize a new business looking to move into the facility. This new business is expected to create up to 150 new jobs.

Staff recommended that the Committee approve the application, subject to the following contingencies: (i) the credit be in lieu of any other state incentives for the new manufacturing operation locating in the facility; (ii) the credit be taken into account in determining any potential incentives for other businesses that may locate in the facility in the future; (iii) the amount of qualified investment be limited to the \$2.35 million set forth in the application, which will result in a maximum tax credit of \$587,500; and (iv) the developer proceed with the development in the manner set forth in the plan, including without limitation the establishment of the new manufacturing enterprise.

Mr. Sweeney noted that when taking into account the foregoing contingencies, based on the IEDC's cost-benefit analysis, this project will create a positive fiscal impact for the State of Indiana. In addition, he noted that the project will potentially enable additional development at this location.

Mr. Mutz opened up the floor for questions on the application. Following brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the application subject to the contingencies outlined by the staff. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by all Committee members present.

Mr. Mutz then asked the staff to update the Committee on the status of the Gary Urban Enterprise Association ("GUEA"). The staff updated the committee on their understanding of the proceeding and noted that the IEDC was no longer directly involved, but rather the Attorney General's office was pursuing collection and administration of the GUEA's assets. Following that update, Mr. Mutz updated the committee on his discussion with the Attorney General's office regarding the proceedings. Specifically, he noted that he felt that all proceeds from the assets of the GUEA should be used for the benefit of Northwest Indiana.

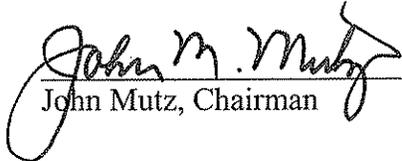
Mr. Mutz then advised the Committee that in the future the Governor would like the Committee to consider the issue of reform of Indiana's business tax structure. The Committee briefly discussed this issue.

Having no further business, Mr. Mutz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Committee. Such a motion was made and seconded and upon unanimous vote the Committee meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Chad J. Sweeney, Acting Secretary

Approved:


John Mutz, Chairman

Attachments:

1. Public Notice of Meeting
2. Meeting Agenda dated March 16, 2006

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Economic Policy Committee of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation will hold a public meeting on March 16, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., at the Regional Economic Growth Center, 300 E. Main Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Indiana Economic Development Corporation Economic Policy Committee Meeting

March 16, 2006 (9:30 a.m.)

- I. Welcome
 - Recognition of Quorum
 - Recognition of Compliance with Open Door Law
 - Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2005 Meeting

- II. Consideration of Projects for Approval