

MINUTES

CEDS Committee

Meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2003 5:00pm-6:00pm
County Board Room
Galena, Illinois

Present: CEDS Committee Members
Bill Wolter
Charles Loehr
David Jansen
David Ylinen

Absent: CEDS Committee Members
Carolyn Fisher
Doug Reidl
Richard Reusch

Others Present:
Janet Anderson, Director of Economic Development and Planning

AGENDA

1. Chairperson Don Fouts

Meeting called to order: Janet opened the meeting at 5:00pm

Roll Call: Roll call taken by Janet

Minutes Approved: Motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2003 was made by Bill Wolters and 2nd by Chuck Loehr. Motion carried.

2. Director of Economic Development and Planning Janet Anderson

New Business- Deferred to League of Women Voters presentation
Liz Mitchel and Bonnie Garrity

Progress Report- Information on the Export Business Forum and the Ventures Group was passed out to the members.

Strategic Plan II- Deferred to November 19, 2003 Media Com

Committee member participation:

Presentation:

Bonnie identified the Jo Daviess County Comprehensive Plan as “a people plan, a plan to assure smart growth”. The comprehensive plan is a policy for managing growth that should induce the right questions asked before development takes place so that the development is a compliment to the communities in meeting the appropriate criteria; location, appearance, ecology and other factors.

As per Bonnie, there are several goals implemented into the comprehensive plan of which jobs for seniors, transportation, scenic beauty, agriculture, rural character and quality of life are a part of for protection and enhancement.

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An overview of the Export Business Forum and the Ventures Group was discussed. Addressing the need for such a ventures group and the way in which it would work as a partnering entity was reviewed. Enormous appreciation and thanks to Dave Jansen for the use of the Owner’s club to host the Export Business Forum was extended.

Bill Wolters expressed concern that those of us involved in Economic Development are not approached when local businesses are in jeopardy. By the time we are alerted, it is too late to be of support. Janet echoed his sentiments. Further discussion on this issue will take place at a later date.

Scheduled next meeting: **November 19, 2003** (5:00pm to 6:00pm)
Jo Daviess County Court House
County Board Room

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn Bill Wolters
 2nd Dave Jansen