

MINUTES

CEDS Committee

Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2003 5:00pm-6:00pm
County Board Room
Galena, Illinois

Present: CEDS Committee Members
Bill Wolter
Carolyn Fisher
Charles Loehr
David Jansen
David Ylinen
Doug Reidl

Absent: CEDS Committee Members
Richard Reusch

Others Present:
Don Fouts, Chairperson of CEDS Committee
Janet Anderson, Director of Economic Development and Planning
Steve Haring, Blackhawk Hills RC & D Director

AGENDA

1. Chairperson Don Fouts

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

Roll Call: Roll call taken by Don Fouts

Minutes Approved: Motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2003 was made by Dave Jansen and 2nd by Chuck Loehr. Motion carried.

2. Director of Economic Development and Planning Janet Anderson

New Business- Janet discussed the new property tax abatement models approved by the County Board. A discussion on the Chapman Site Archeological dig in Hanover was initiated in that Janet invited participation on this project. Some of the immediate needs were to secure the safety of the property, provide funds for purchase of the property, prepare it for a tourist destination next year and

determine a plan of action to create an interpretive center, a facility to showcase the artifacts and a simulation of the environment in which the tribes lived, worked and socialized. Steve Haring will assist by researching and possibly coordinating a funding opportunity. Don Fouts and Bill Wolbers have offered their participation. All three have been invited by Janet to attend the next meeting in regard to the archeological dig.

Progress Report- A report on a new business and a potential business for Stockton was given.

Strategic Plan II- Plans are to invite the technical team for Verizon Wireless next CEDS meeting. This is the beginning of an effort to research the service provided by internet vendors, land line and cell phone vendors and all other vendors that affect business communication. Once awareness of areas serviced and types of service provided we may make plans to advance the degree of service to support local businesses and encourage prospective businesses having competitive communication services. Dave Jansen suggested that US Cellular is the largest provider over Verizon and that they should be in the mix. Doug is comfortable with enlisting Verizon on the agenda as a beginning source of information with the other providers to follow.

Committee member participation: The benefits and the criteria for Enterprise zones were discussed. Bill offered a history of the beginning of the Enterprise Zone in Hanover.

Scheduled next meeting: **October 8, 2003** (5:00pm to 6:00pm)
Jo Daviess County Court House
County Board Room

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