

City of Lodi Economic Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 2, 2018

1. Call to Order.

Chair Tonn called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.
Committee Members Present: Bill Welch, Peter Tonn
Committee Members Absent: Suzanne Miller
Staff Present: Julie Ostrander
Others: Mayor Jim Ness

2. Public Input. There was no public input.

3. Approve Minutes of the December 5, 2017 Meeting.

Motion by Welch, second by Tonn to approve the minutes of the 12/5/2017 meeting. Motion carried.

4. USDA Rural Development Ostrander presented the EDAP2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs Application to received direction on which category of grant notices the committee would like forwarded to them for consideration. It was agreed that grants made under this program would leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace would fit the criteria they would like to see for grant opportunities. Cost sharing and/or Matching requirements would not deter their consideration of a grant either.

5. Business Contacts Industrial Park expansion discussion continued from the prior month's meeting. Welch updated the committee on the discussion at the Town of Lodi meeting concerning a joint venture to create a dog park in the township. Unfortunately this idea would be expensive due to anticipated road creation and fencing needs. So the Dog Park consideration by the industrial park is again an option on the north side up to the railroad tracks. The Mayor and Ostrander will discuss the land situation and railroad isthmus questions with Andrew. Tonn indicated that the City would act as a facilitator to a possible expansion without being a realtor or purchaser of the any property.

Tonn commented that he was impressed during the walk thru/inspection of the Lodi Veterinary Hospital facility. They have met the criteria to receive the Board of Commissioners of Public Land funds for the TIF construction project.

6. CDBG –RLF Nothing to report

7. Revolving Loan Fund Balance sheet was distributed with current listing of borrowers. Promotion of the program needs to be pursued again. In the past mailers were sent with utility bills but this time Facebook and Chamber of Commerce should be utilized. Tonn stated expanding or changing the use of these funds may be needed if more interested isn't generated.

8. Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 6, 2018 at 5:00pm.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Welch, second by Tonn to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.