

**Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission
Executive Board Minutes
211 N. Gear Avenue, West Burlington, IA 52655
August 30, 2012**

Members Present: Sue Frice, Hans Trousil, and Gary Folluo
Members Absent: Brent Schleisman and Jim Howell
Staff Present: Mike Norris, Debbie Laughlin, Jeff Hanan, and Bob Kuskowski
Guest Present: Jason Huddle, IDOT

Call to order at 12:00 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Norris stated that we have not received anything from Wally or Steve, so New Business Item No. 2 Letter of Support – Keokuk Area Hospital, should be removed from the Agenda. Motion by Trousil to approve the August 30, 2012 agenda, after removing New Business Item No. 2, second by Folluo. All Ayes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Norris stated that his director's report mentioned that we have approximately 37 golfers for the Annual Golf Outing on September 26th, but that the number has risen to 60 quickly. Motion by Trousil to accept the consent agenda, second by Folluo. All Ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Public Hearing: Draft Great River Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies – The Long Range Plan for the Southeast Iowa Region (CEDs Plan): Folluo made a motion to open the Public Hearing: Draft Great River Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies – The Long Range Plan for the Southeast Iowa Region (CEDs Plan) at 12:02 p.m., second by Trousil. All ayes, motion carried. Norris stated that the CED's plan is a long range planning document for Southeast Iowa in the areas of economic development, transportation, and community development, which we have been working on for over a year. The result is a streamlined 34 page document, which will be more accessible to everyone is not as cumbersome as the old one. Norris stated that public input has included 70 interviews and over 100 online survey responses thus far. He stated that those ideas and priorities were taken to three subcommittees in the areas of economic development, transportation, and community development to generate priorities for the report. Norris gave an overview of the draft CEDs Plan to the board. Norris stated that besides the public hearing today, the public will have two more opportunities: 1) September 12th at the Open House, and 2) September 27th at the full board meeting when the CEDs plan will be scheduled for final adoption. Frice asked for public comment, and there was none. Folluo made a motion to close the Public Hearing: Draft Great River Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies – The Long Range Plan for the

Southeast Iowa Region (CEDs Plan) at 12:18 p.m., second by Trousil. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

1. RLF Plans: Norris stated that an increase to the per-loan award limit from \$125,000 to \$250,000 is proposed to the SEIRPC Board of Directors for all four regional pools, and the RLF Loan Review Committee has recommended approval. He further stated that this change would allow more flexibility for applicants with larger projects and will allow us to retain more RLF funds as capital must be lent out in order to retain it. Norris stated that nothing else really changes in the plans other than small language changes to clean up the wording. Folluo questioned if we would be at additional risk, but Hanan stated that the process would involve more scrutiny when lending higher amounts. Trousil made a motion to recommend approval to the SEIRPC Full Board the RLF Amended Work Plans, second by Folluo. All Ayes, motion carried.

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MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Norris stated that Big River Resources has invited everyone in the building to an alcohol free tailgate lunch prior to the Iowa vs. State game.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Trousil.
Second by Folluo. All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Laughlin

Mike Norris, Executive Director

Jim Howell, Secretary

Date: _____

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