

Planning, Zoning and Agriculture

Committee Minutes

May 2, 2006

Members Present

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Bertrand, Mr. Hess, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Martin, Mr. James, Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Marcotte

Members Absent

Ms. Hertzberger

In Attendance

Mr. Kruse, Mike Van Mill, and Dr. Rodney Alford

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Olthoff, at 9:00 a.m.
Quorum Present.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Planning

• **Revolving Loan Fund- Exceptional Health Partnership**

Mr. Van Mill handed out a copy of the final recommendation of the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Review Committee.

Dr. Rodney Alford gave a brief presentation regarding the Exceptional Health Partners practice.

Mr. Scholl asked what the wage range would be for the proposed employees.

Dr. Alford stated that most positions have a salary range of \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

Mr. Olthoff went over the findings of the RLF Review Committee with the Committee.

Mr. Whitten asked why this is not going through the Village of Bourbonnais.

Mr. Van Mill stated that this has been discussed with the Village of Bourbonnais and the Village does not have any objections to the County considering this loan.

Mr. James stated that this institution has been established since October of 2005. He wanted to know what the track record is for this institution.

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Mr. Van Mill stated the RLF program is for this specific purpose.

Dr. Alford stated that he has a medical office which has been established for 20 years. This would be a new division of his current practice.

Mr. Martin stated that the RLF Review Committee did a lot of research on this. The RLF Review Committee had to limit the amount of money given to this institution because of the limitations of the RLF Program. Dr. Alford has a reputation in this County that is equal to the other doctors in the County. The RLF Review Committee decided to unanimously approve this application.

A motion to approve the RLF loan in the amount of \$202,500.00 was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Martin thanked the RLF Review Committee for all the work and time that has been put into the RLF.

Mr. Olthoff asked if Mr. Kruse would write a letter to the RLF Review Committee thanking them for their work.

- **Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone Expansion**

Mr. Van Mill stated that there are two items for the Committee's consideration today. One is the technical correction to the existing map of the Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone. The second item that he is going to talk about is the expansion of the Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Van Mill stated that last Tuesday, April 25th, he conducted a public hearing at the Village of Bradley in which the Mayors of Bradley, Aroma Park, Kankakee, and the County Board Chairman attended. The public hearing had to do with this technical correction and the expansion of the enterprise zone. Many of you are aware that last July the participants of the Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone asked him to take over the administration of the Zone itself. In doing that the Planning Department did their due diligence to evaluate the program and look at the information they had so that they could be as sure about the information that they would be giving out as possible. During that due diligence the map and legal description were reviewed. In doing so the Planning Department found, at the minimum, 37 discrepancies in the legal description and the map. That caused the Planning Department a lot of grief and question in how comfortable they were with administering the program. After that point, Mr. Van Mill contacted the Mayors and the participants of the Enterprise Zone and explained to them the difficulty he was having. There

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were some significant issues with that. He then called down to the State Manager who helps him with Enterprise Zone Administration. The Manager stated that Mr. Van Mill needs to do a technical correction to the program in order for him to have a confidence level that the map and legal description are correct and match. What Mr. Van Mill has done over the last few months is put together the map that all the Municipalities believe was the original map that they were approving at the time of the ten year extension. In the packet there is a map that shows the discrepancies that were found. What Mr. Van Mill is asking all the Municipalities who participate in this to do is pass an amending ordinance to the technical corrections of the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Intergovernmental Agreement has to be amended, and authority has to be given to the County Board Chairman to sign the application for the technical corrections.

A motion to approve the expansion of the Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone, amend the ordinance to the technical corrections of the Intergovernmental Agreement, amend the Intergovernmental Agreement, and give authority to the County Board Chairman to sign the application for the technical corrections was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

Mr. Olthoff stated that Mr. Van Mill and Michelle Sadler are going to a conference on Thursday and Friday regarding Enterprise Zones. He stated that he would like to have them look into claw back clauses for Enterprise Zones.

A motion to have Mr. Van Mill and Michelle Sadler look into claw back clauses was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried.

Mr. Kruse stated that he did extend an offer to Aqua Illinois to give a presentation at today's meeting. However, Aqua Illinois confirmed yesterday they could attend, after the agenda was posted. Aqua Illinois is on the schedule for the PZA meeting on May 10, 2006.

4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stauffenberg and seconded by Mr. James 9:35 at a.m. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson, Executive Coordinator

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