

MINUTES

Iowa Economic Development Authority
Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program Review Committee Meeting
May 16, 2025
9:00 a.m.
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 – Helmick Conference Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Spurgin
 Bobbi Bentz
 Doug Boone
 Mark Kittrell

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Megan Andrew	Sonya Bacon	Vicky Clinkscales
Lisa Connell	Debi Durham	Rita Grimm
Emily Hockins	Staci Hupp Ballard	Anna Lensing
Anne McMahon	Maicie Pohlman	Terry Roberson
Katie Rockey	Alaina Santizo	Paul Stueckardt
Brett Tade	Deanna Triplett	Eli Wilson
Amy Zeigler		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Sweeney – Iowa Finance Authority	Senator Izaah Knox – Ex Officio IEDA Board Member
Representative Ray Sorensen – Ex Officio IEDA Board Member	Rachel Eubank – IEDA Board Member
Brenda Mainwaring – IEDA Board Member	Pankaj Monga – IEDA Board Member
John Riches – IEDA Board Member	Andy Roberts – IEDA Board Member
Emily Schmitt – IEDA Board Member	Jennifer Steffensmeier – IEDA Board Member
Luan Nguyen – Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine	Kelsey Meyers
Jason White – Greater Dubuque Development Corp	Brenda Dryer – Ames Regional Economic Alliance
Lisa Hunt – United Equipment Accessories, Inc.	Deb Malek – United Equipment Accessories, Inc.
Mariah Miller – Sukup Manufacturing Company	

COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Welcome
Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program Review Committee Chair Melissa Spurgin called to order the meeting of the CAT Program Review Committee at 9:00 am
- Roll Call and Introductions
A quorum of the Committee was established with the following members present: Melissa Spurgin, Bobbi Bentz, Doug Boone and Mark Kittrell.

Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2025 CAT Meeting

MOTION: Bobbi Bentz moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2025 meeting, seconded by Mark Kittrell. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM (CAT) PROGRAM APPLICATION(S) –
RECOMMENDATION(S) TO IEDA BOARD**

Muscatine County Fair and Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine, Muscatine County
Event Center - Muscatine

MOTION: Doug Boone moved, seconded by Mark Kittrell, that the Committee recommend that the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board approve a \$422,000 CAT grant to the Muscatine County Fair and Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine for the Muscatine County Event Center Project. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were made.

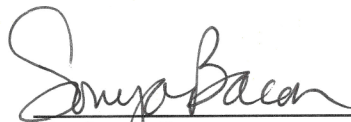
OTHER BUSINESS

If a meeting is needed, the next CAT Program Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

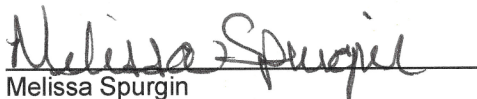
There being no further business to come before the CAT Program Review Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:03 am.

Respectfully submitted:



Sonya Bacon
Board Administrator

Approved as to form:



Melissa Spurgin
Chair