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Iowa Economic Development Authority
Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program Review Committee Meeting
August 15, 2025
9:00 a.m.

1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 - Helmick Conference Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Melissa Spurgin

None

Rachel Eubank

Mark Kittrell (Joined @ 9:01 am)

Brenda Mainwaring

Jennifer Steffensmeier

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Megan Andrew
Debi Durham
Kanan Kappelman
Dillon Malone

Sonya Bacon Rita Grimm nan Anna Lensing Maicie Pohlman Alaina Santizo Lisa Connell Emily Hockins Molly Lopez Terry Roberson Deanna Triplett

Katie Rockey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Sullivan – Iowa Finance Authority Doug Boone – IEDA Board Member John Riches – IEDA Board Member

Dan Kinney – IEDA Ex Officio Board Member Representative David Jacoby – IEDA Ex Officio

Board Member (Joined @ 9:01 am)

Jason White - Greater Dubuque Development

Corp

Jace Mikels – Iowa Senate Democrats Kellen Erpenbach – Lloyd Companies Jerrid Ramirez - Iowa Finance Authority

Bobbi Bentz – IEDA Board Member (Joined @ 9:01 am) Andy Roberts – IEDA Board Member (Joined @ 9:04

David Barker – IEDA Ex Officio Board Member Evan Johnson – Legislative Services Agency

(Joined @ 9:01 am)

Alison Ver Schuer - House of Representatives

Bill Freeland – Legislative Services Agency

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Welcome

Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) 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, Rachel Eubank, Mark Kittrell, Brenda Mainwaring and Jennifer Steffensmeier.

Debi Durham left the conference room at 9:02 am.

Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2025 CAT Meeting

<u>MOTION:</u> Brenda Mainwaring moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the July 18, 2025 meeting, seconded by Mark Kittrell. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No comments were made.

COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM (CAT) PROGRAM APPLICATIONS – RECOMMENDATIONS TO IEDA BOARD

City of Keosauqua and Engage Keosauqua, Inc. – 1st Street Courts – Keosauqua MOTION: Brenda Mainwaring moved, seconded by Jennifer Steffensmeier, that the Committee recommend that the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board approve a \$144,000 CAT grant to the City of Keosauqua and Engage Keosauqua, Inc. for the 1st Street Courts Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Debi Durham returned to the conference room at 9:04 am.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next CAT Program Review Committee meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the CAT Program Review Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted:

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Board Administrator

Approved as to form:

Melissa Spurgii

Chair