

MINUTES

**Iowa Economic Development Authority
Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Program Review Committee Meeting**

October 17, 2025

9:00 a.m.

1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 – Helmick Conference Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Spurgin
Mark Kittrell
Brenda Mainwaring
Jennifer Steffensmeier

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Rachel Eubank

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Megan Andrew (Joined @ 9:01 am)
Lisa Connell
Emily Hockins
Maicie Pohlman
Alaina Santizo

Sonya Bacon
Rita Grimm
Dillon Malone
Terry Roberson
Deanna Triplett

Vickey Clinkscales
Melissa Harshbarger
Rick Peterson
Katie Rockey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Sweeney – Iowa Finance Authority
Bethany Coop – Iowa Finance Authority
Bobbi Bentz – IEDA Board Member
Andy Roberts – IEDA Board Member
Dan Kinney – IEDA Ex Officio Board Member

Representative David Jacoby – IEDA Ex Officio
Board Member
Eric Richardson – Iowa Senate
Gigi Wood – Business Record
Susan Shepherd

Brian Sullivan – Iowa Finance Authority
Doug Boone – IEDA Board Member
Pankaj Monga – IEDA Board Member
David Barker – IEDA Ex Officio Board Member
Senator Izaah Knox – IEDA Ex Officio Board Member
Jason White – Greater Dubuque Development Corp
Alison Ver Schuer – House of Representatives
Jace Mikels – Iowa Senate

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, Mark Kittrell, Brenda Mainwaring and Jennifer Steffensmeier.

Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2025 CAT Meeting

MOTION: Mark Kittrell moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the September 19, 2025 meeting, seconded by Brenda Mainwaring. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No comments were made.

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

City of Tabor, Tabor city Park Splashpad – Tabor

MOTION: Jennifer Steffensmeier moved, seconded by Mark Kittrell, that the Committee recommend that the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board approve a \$90,000 CAT grant to the City of Tabor for the Tabor City Park Splashpad Project. Motion carried unanimously.

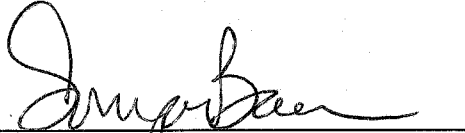
OTHER BUSINESS

The next CAT Program Review Committee meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the CAT Program Review Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:04 am.

Respectfully submitted:



Sonya Bacon
Board Administrator

Approved as to form:



Melissa Spurgin
Chair