

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (EIEDA)
June 9, 2017
Champaign, Illinois**

Members Present

Ken Barragree, Iroquois County
John Dreher, Governor Appointee
Jeff Lahr, Coles County
Michael Marron, Vermilion County
George Levi, Governor Appointee
David McCabe, Moultrie County
Frank Mulholland, Shelby County
Mitch Swim, Champaign County
Pete Templeton, Edgar County

Members Absent

Randy Berger, Ford County
Ben Denney, DCEO Designee
Randy Jo Keith, Piatt County
Jim Mikeworth, Douglas County

Others Present

Andrew Hamilton, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Swim. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried. It was moved and seconded to approve the October 21, 2016 and May 2, 2014 meeting minutes and the minutes of all previous meetings. The motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was suspended.

McLean & Livingston Counties Request of become part of EIEDA - Staff has been approached by officials from McLean and Livingston Counties to become a part of EIEDA. There are ten regional bonding authorities (RDA) in Illinois that cover 85 of 102 Illinois counties. The Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority (UIRVDA) was a five county RDA that was expanded to cover nine counties, The Quad Cities Regional Development Authority was a three county RDA that was expanded to cover nine counties. The Southwestern Illinois Development Authority was a tow county RDA that was expanded to cover four counties. Officials in McLean and Livingston had reviewed the possibility of joining each of four different RDAs they border and felt they had most in common with EIEDA. Expanding the EIEDA coverage will provide more opportunities to bring EIEDA products and services to a larger population. The board would likely increase by adding a member form each county, that will not affect the EIEDA board's ability to control the mission of EIEDA. Bloomington and Normal are already supporting EIEDA by transferring their annual volume cap to EIEDA even though they are not a part of EIEDA. Staff recommends supporting their initiative.

Accounting Services for Annual Financial Statements – The board directed Staff to retain the services of Sikich to do year-end financial statements.

Election of Officers - It was moved and seconded to elect the following officers: Mitch Swim – Chairman, George Levi – Vice-Chairman, Jeff Lahr – Secretary, Ken Barragree - Treasurer.

Resolution Regarding the Scheduling of Meetings - Staff presented a schedule for meetings. It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution as presented, Following discussion, the motion carried.

With no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeff Lahr, Secretary