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Minutes for the July 8, 2015, Enterprise Zone Board Meeting

Location: 607 E. Adams St, Floor 12
Director's Conference Room
Springfield, IL 62701

Members Present: James M. Schultz, Connie Beard, Jovita Carranza, Lawrence Falbe, and Larry Ivory

DCEO Staff Members Present: Marty Johnson, Ed Taft, Heidi Brown-McCreery, Justin Heather, Brett Schubert

Also Present: Paul Borek (DeKalb EDC), Andy Hamilton, Steve McClure, Mark Williams, Benjamin Wilson, Craig Coil

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by DCEO Director and Enterprise Zone Board Chairman James M. Schultz at approximately 9:02 a.m. upon acknowledging presence of a quorum of the Board.
- 2. Introductory Remarks from the Chairman:** Director Schultz welcomed the Board and members of the public to the meeting and reminded the Board of the goals of the Enterprise Zone program and discussed the timeline for reviewing applications. The deadline for submitting public comments is July 30, 2015.
- 3. Discussion of Pending Enterprise Zone Applications:** The Board and DCEO personnel reviewed twenty-three applications. The Board will continue reviewing and discussing applications at subsequent meetings. No votes were held on any applications. The Board intends to vote on applications after all have been reviewed and discussed.
- 4. Other Business:** The Board discussed additional meeting dates. The next meeting will be held July 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, Illinois.
- 5. Public Comment:**
Mark Williams, City of Rockford & President of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Association, clarified that the purpose of the Rockford I-90 application is to better position the region to compete with bordering Wisconsin. He invited members to attend the Illinois Enterprise Zone Association meeting to be held October 14-16, 2015 in Rockford, Illinois.

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Paul Borek, DeKalb County, commented on DeKalb's application, addressing the map of the proposed Enterprise Zone.

- 6. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:48 a.m.

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