

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Village Hall
405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Kim Gipe at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 8, 2025.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.**
3. **Roll call-** Chairman Kim Gipe, Trustees Heather Squires and James Green, and Committee Members Jack Stroup and Jennifer Vanderjack were present. Committee Member Dawn Brattrud was absent.

Also in attendance: Village President Collin Hardy, Trustee Tanya Wurtzel, Administrative Assistant Nikki Thompson, and Isaac Guerrero with the R1 Planning Council.
4. **Additions or Corrections to Agenda** – Add review of Economic Development Grant Recipient St. John’s Lutheran Church.
5. **Approve the Agenda -**
Motion made by Committee Member Stroup and seconded by Committee Member Vanderjack to approve the agenda. All present voted yes. Motion approved 5-0-1.
6. **Public Comment** – None.
7. **Approve August 12, 2025, Minutes –**

A motion was made by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Squires to approve August 12, 2025, minutes. No discussion. Chairman Gipe and Trustees Squires and Green voted yes. Committee Members Stroup and Vanderjack abstained. Motion approved 3-0-3.
8. **Discuss 3123 N. Pecatonica Road Ideas -**

Discussion held. Projected costs to develop the land were reviewed. Pros and cons of residential development versus commercial were discussed, as was the need for a realtor.
9. **Presentation by Isaac Guerrero Director of Economic Development R1 Planning -**

Isaac gave a presentation detailing the various services the Region 1 Planning Council provides to the Northern Illinois area, including economic development and grant writing resources. He also provided a short list of grants that may be applicable to the village.
10. **A. Review of the Labor Day Festival -**

Earlier planning for the event was discussed, as well as better utilizing tools like Facebook for advertising. Other ideas discussed included moving the Kite Event closer to the other events on Main Street and combining the 5K

with a fundraiser or cause. A tentative date of September 5th, 2026, was chosen.

B. Review of Grant Recipient St. John's Lutheran Church Project –

Pictures were provided for review by St. John's Lutheran Church of their landscaping project.

11. Discuss Committee Membership –

Potential candidates to replace resigning committee member were discussed. Tabled for the next meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date Monday October 13, 2025 –

A discussion was held to change the date of the October meeting because it falls on Columbus Day. The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Squires to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 5-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.