

***Northern and Southern Tazewell County Enterprise Zone***

***Annual Administrative Board Meeting***

***February 12, 2020***

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

***Attendees:*** Jon Oliphant, Ty Livingston, Kristal Bachman, Brad Marks, City of East Peoria Mayor John Kahl

***Absent:*** Ann Sasso, Todd Bong, City of Pekin

***Minutes:*** None presented

***Public Comment:*** None

***New Business:***

Kristal Bachman welcomed Brad Marks with the Village of Morton who recently replaced Roger Spangler upon his retirement.

Ty Livingston discussed with the group situations where particular projects/property owners wished not to participate in taking advantage of the EZ incentives. Both Washington and Tazewell County indicated that they have had similar situations. All agreed that perhaps individuals not wanting to participate in the incentives were due to the fact that they did not wish to pay the application fee or go thru the reporting process with the State. Jon Oliphant stated that in situations where individuals may have disagreed with the application fee he explained that the fee was to help offset the administrative costs related to managing the EZ program for each entity which does actually involve a lot of staff time hours.

Discussion was also held regarding the potential of Illinois in the future allowing multi-family projects to be included in the EZ incentives. While the intent of the EZ is to enhance job creation, multi-family projects may not support the same intent, however all were in agreement that if multi-family projects were allowed the EZ incentive could potentially encourage more developments of this nature.

Ty Livingston said that the next IEZA Conference is scheduled for May 13-15, 2020 in Springfield and encouraged all to go.

***Next Meeting:***

The consensus of the Board was to hold the next annual Administrative Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Ty Livingston stated East Peoria would be happy to host to the meeting again.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristal Bachman, Zone Administrator