

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION ON STORY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

BACKGROUND:

Over the years, the Story County Board of Supervisors has appropriated funds to be used by communities within the County for economic development purposes. In conjunction with this funding, the Supervisors created the Story County Economic Development Group and contracted with the Ames Economic Development Commission to staff this body. The Group, whose membership is made up of representatives from the 15 cities in the County, meets quarterly to review economic activity in Story County, discuss best practices, and develop economic development skills.

City Councils of each municipality in Story County are required to pass a resolution designating their representative and alternate to attend the quarterly meetings. The representatives must attend three of the four meetings to be eligible for distribution of the County Economic Development Pool funds, which are distributed annually.

The City staff recently received a communication from Drew Kamp requesting that the City Council formally approve members of the AEDC staff to represent the City on the Story County Economic Development Group. By doing so, the City would bear no responsibility to send anyone to the meetings.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can pass a resolution designating Drew Kamp as the official representative of the City on the Story County Economic Development Group along with Dan Culhane, as the alternate.
2. The City Council can pass a resolution designating the two City Council members who serve on the AEDC Board as the official representatives of the City on the Story County Economic Development Group.
3. The City Council can pass a resolution designating the Ames City Manager as the official representative of the City on the Story County Economic Development Group, along with the two Assistant City Managers, as alternates.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Since its inception, the staff of the AEDC has represented the City on the Story County Economic Development Group. Because the City contracts with the AEDC to serve as the lead agency in economic development efforts here in Ames, it would seem appropriate to continue to allow them to represent the City on the Story County Economic Development Group. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council support Alternative No. 1 and pass a resolution designating Drew Kamp as the official representative of the City on the Story County Economic Development Group along with Dan Culhane, as the alternate.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 as described above.