

2J. Consideration of approving appointment of Liz Kokesh to the Industrial & Economic Development Committee (IEDC) for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025

Prepared by: Economic Development Manager	Meeting Date: 8/14/2023	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda Item <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Agenda Item
Reviewed by: Community Development Director	Approved by: City Administrator	

ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to approve the appointment of Liz Kokesh to the IEDC for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2025.

REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND

The City Council is asked to consider approving the appointment of Liz Kokesh to the IEDC for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2025. She is the new General Manager at the Cargill Kitchen Solutions facility in Monticello. She replaced Ryan Schmitz who held the General Manager position prior to her. Ryan was also a member of the IEDC, as was his predecessor, Don Roberts. Cargill employs over 430 FTE staff at its facilities in Monticello.

Ms. Kokesh attended the August 1, 2023, IEDC meeting as a guest prospective member. The IEDC voted to recommend approval of her membership by the City Council. Per the IEDC’s Organizational and Membership Guidelines, members recommended for appointment to the IEDC are to be ratified by the City Council.

At this time, the IEDC has 15 members. There is only one general member opening at this time, so if her appointment is ratified by the City Council there would be no other vacancies on the IEDC. A total of 18 members are authorized in the IEDC Organizational documents with two of those spots reserved for High School students.

Ms. Kokesh’s application is attached to the staff report.

- I. **Staff Workload Impact:** There is minimal staff impact in considering the IEDC appointment.
- II. **Budget Impact:** The budget impact is minimal.
- III. **Comprehensive Plan Impact:** N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommend appointing Liz Kokesh to the IEDC to fill a vacant position with a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2025.

SUPPORTING DATA

- A. Application
- B. IEDC Organizational and Membership Guidelines
- C. IEDC Ordinance – Title 2, Chapter 10

Contact Information -- Person ID: 54056089

Name: Elizabeth Kokesh Address: [REDACTED]
Home Phone: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED] Notification Preference: Email

Personal Information

Driver's License: Yes, Minnesota
Can you, after employment, submit proof of your legal right to work in the United States? Yes
What is your highest level of education? Bachelor's Degree

Preferences

Minimum Compensation:
Are you willing to relocate?

Types of positions you will accept:
Types of work you will accept:

Education

College/University Did you graduate: Yes
University of Minnesota, Duluth Major/Minor: Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering
- Degree Received: Bachelor's
duluth, Minnesota

Work Experience

Facility General Manager Hours worked per week: 40
5/2023 - Present May we contact this employer? Yes

Cargill Protein
Monticello, Minnesota

Duties

Manage day to day operations for the Monticello Production facility.

Reason for Leaving

na

Supply Chain Continuous Improvement Lead Hours worked per week: 40
3/2022 - 5/2023 May we contact this employer? Yes

Protein NA
Wichita, Kansas

Duties

- * Facilitated a ``Supply Chain Yellow Belt'' Course, first focused effort for this group. 21 Participants.
- * Deployed Performance Dialogue across the business
- * Realized \$25M in Cost Reduction in FY23

Reason for Leaving

new opportunity in Cargill

Certificates and Licenses

Skills

Office Skills

Typing:

Data Entry:

Additional Information

References

Resume

Text Resume

Attachments

Agency-Wide Questions

1. Q: Are you at least 16 years old?

A: Yes

2. Q: Are you at least 18 years old?

A: Yes

3. Q: How did you hear about this position?

A: Referral

4. Q: If you marked "Other" please specify.

A:

Supplemental Questions

1. Q: Please list your qualifications for this volunteer appointment.

A: I would like to support the community as the relationship with the city is very important to Cargill.

2. Q: Please describe your community involvement and other related qualifications for this position.

A: Cargill General Manager, hires a lot of talent in the community.

3. Q: Please list any city boards, commissions, or committees you're currently serving on or have served on in the past.

A: Served on my neighborhood board for 2+ years. Have served on the Chemical Engineering Advisory Board in Duluth for 6+ years.

**MONTICELLO INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(IEDC)
ORGANIZATIONAL AND MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES**

- I. Meeting Time and Place: Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 a.m. at the Monticello Community Center. Special meetings may be called by the Chair.
- II. Mission Statement and Objectives: As written and adopted by the Monticello IEDC in the Annual Action Statement.
- III. Committee Size: While there is no set or definite size established, it is generally understood that the committee will not exceed 16-18 members.
- IV. Make-up of the Committee: Committee members must either work or reside in the community of greater Monticello. Individuals who are involved in an occupation or profession that provides services to the community of Monticello but is not headquartered within the community may also serve as members of the committee.

Standing Committee Members: The City Council shall appoint a representative of either the Mayor or a Council Member to the IEDC as a voting member. The Board of Directors of the Monticello Chamber of Commerce & Industry shall appoint a voting member to the IEDC. Up to two (2) Monticello High School Senior Students may serve as voting members. The High School Principal shall recommend their membership on the IEDC. These members shall be considered in committee size.

City Staff Members: Non-voting
Administrator of the City of Monticello
Economic Development Manager of the City of Monticello
(serves as the EDA Executive Director)
Community Development Director of the City of Monticello (in
the absence of the Economic Development Manager)

- V. Officers: The Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Secretary shall be appointed annually at the January meeting. Length of office term shall not exceed three consecutive years. Minutes of each meeting are the responsibility of the Secretary. Committee correspondence is the responsibility of the Economic Development Manager.
- VI. Length of Membership Term: Members shall serve for three-year terms on a three-year rotating basis so that approximately one-third of the membership expires each year.

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Individuals wishing to continue serving on the committee may so indicate prior to the expiration of their term. Any member wishing to relinquish his/her position on the IEDC may do so by submitting a letter of resignation.

- VI. Filling a Vacant Position: A list of potential committee members shall be kept by the Executive Director. The IEDC must recommend approval of new members by a majority vote. The City Council must ratify the appointment of new members to the IEDC.
- VII. Membership Attendance: In order to make a positive contribution to the committee, each member is expected to attend at least 75 percent of the meetings in any given year. A year is defined as beginning on the 1st of January and ending on the 31st of December

Amended: 01/05/2016, 12/06/2016, 03/05/2019

CHAPTER 10
INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SECTION:

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- 2-10-11: Amendments

2-10-1: **NAME OF THE COMMITTEE:** The name of the organization shall be the Monticello Industrial and Economic Development Committee (IEDC).

2-10-2: **AUTHORIZATION:** Duties are delegated to the IEDC by the City Council of Monticello by this ordinance dated June 28, 2010, and by Resolution No. 2008-44 approved the 27th day of May, 2008.

2-10-3: **MEMBERSHIP:** The Monticello IEDC shall consist of sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) regular members to be appointed by the City Council of Monticello. Said Committee members shall consist of Monticello business representatives or residents of the City of Monticello. One Council member shall be appointed annually to serve on the IEDC. The Director of the Monticello Chamber of Commerce and Industry shall be an ex-officio member of the IEDC. Up to two (2) Monticello High School Senior Students may serve as voting members during their appointed term. The High School Principal shall recommend their membership on the IEDC. The IEDC and the City Council shall confirm their appointment.

(Ord 637 4/25/16)

2-10-4: **TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of the regular members shall be for three (3) years and shall be staggered so that no more than one-half of the terms expire in a given year. All regular terms shall expire at the first City Council meeting of the new calendar year.

2-10-5: **ATTENDANCE:** It is the City Council's intention to encourage IEDC members to attend all IEDC meetings. It is desired that IEDC members attend at least 75% of meetings in a calendar year. Members may be subject to replacement by the City Council in the event attendance does not meet this standard.

2-10-6: VACANCY: Any vacancy in the regular or at large membership shall be filled by the City Council, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired term so filled.

2-10-7: OFFICERS:

(A) Elections. The Monticello IEDC shall elect at its Annual meeting from its membership a chair, vice chair, and a secretary who shall serve for a term of one year and shall have such powers as may be prescribed in the rules of said Committee.

(B) Duties of Chair. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the IEDC and shall have the duties normally conferred and parliamentary usage of such officers.

(C) Duties of Vice Chair. The vice chair shall act for the chair in his/her absence.

(D) Duties of Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Committee with the assistance of City Staff.

2-10-8: MEETINGS:

(A) Regular meetings shall be held on a date established by the IEDC. In the event of a conflict with a holiday or special events, a majority at any meeting may change the date and location of the meeting. The meeting shall be open to the general public.

2-10-9: QUORUM: A majority of the total IEDC members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2-10-10: DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE: It shall be the duty of the Committee, with staff assistance, to advocate and make recommendations to the Economic Development Authority and City Council, relative to and including influencing industrial and economic development in and for the City of Monticello, with an emphasis on industrial land, increase tax base and number of livable wage-level jobs by promoting industrial and economic growth, and working to maintain a desirable business environment.

2-10-11: AMENDMENTS: This ordinance may be amended as recommended by the majority vote of the existing membership of the IEDC and only after majority vote of the City Council.

(#519, 8/23/10)

(#715, 3-25-19)