

## Prospects

### **Renewable Energy Prospect**

Wind and solar project under consideration by a Texas based energy company. The company is evaluating sites in southern Grundy County.

## What's News

The GEDC will again sponsor local officials to participate in a one day seminar entitled "Illinois Financial Forecast Forum: Private Sector Views that Impact the Public Sector." The GEDC is thankful for officials that give of their time and talents to Grundy County.

**Amazon announced** a new facility in Aurora bringing their total space to nearly 6 million square feet in the Chicagoland market. Amazon currently has three facilities in operation or construction in neighboring Will County. At full build out, Amazon will create 7,000 full-time jobs in Illinois. This expansion is sure to increase the already tight job market in the transportation and logistics industry in Grundy County.

**Falling vacancy rates** in Chicagoland are pushing new industrial construction. In a recent NAI Hiffman report, if all projects were completed as scheduled, new construction deliveries in 2016 total more than 20 million square feet for the first time in eight years.

## Calendar

### **February 17**

Strategic Planning Session

### **March 7**

Finance Meeting

### **March 10**

Executive Meeting

### **March 16**

Full Board Meeting

### **March 22**

GEDC/Chamber Annual Dinner

## **New GEDC Officers & Board Members Elected**

### 2017 Officers:

**Chris Breyman, Chair**  
Grundy Bank

**Jeff Hettrick, Vice Chair**  
ComEd

**Pete Fleming, Treasurer/Secretary**  
Marquette Properties

**Lance Copes, Past Chair**  
Grundy Area Vocational Center

### Welcome to our new board members:

**John Dollinger,**  
First Community Bank

**Taivo Tammaru,**  
Clarius Partners, LLC

**Clark Wilson,**  
W.W. Grainger, Inc.

## **Annual Dinner - Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Send in your Nominations**

Please join us on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Chapin's East in Minooka. This event is a celebration of local business & industry and the successes they have realized over the past year. Please consider nominees for worthy businesses in the following categories:

- **Business of the Year:** Recognizes a company that has grown and prospered in our community and provided an ongoing positive economic impact to Grundy County.
- **Partnership of the Year:** Recognizes an individual or organization that goes above and beyond to encourage economic development in Grundy County.
- **Welcome to Grundy County:** Recognizes a new business that has located in the County within the last three years for its economic impact and community involvement.

Submit your nominations by e-mail to [info@gedc.com](mailto:info@gedc.com) or call the office at 815.942.0163 before February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **2017 Summer Internship Program**

The Grundy County Summer Internship Program is growing once again with 20 participating companies providing over 50 internships to Grundy County high school students this coming summer. If you know of any current high school juniors and seniors, encourage them to look into the opportunities and apply. There are a wide range of positions available, including engineering, accounting, IT, human resources, healthcare, marketing, machinist, and maintenance. To see the specific jobs at the participating companies visit the Grundy Area Vocational Center's website at [www.gavc-il.org](http://www.gavc-il.org). Students will have until February 22<sup>nd</sup> to apply.

Thank you to the 2017 participating companies:

Aux Sable Liquid Products	City of Morris	"D" Construction
GEDC	Grainger	Grundy County Health Dept.
Illinois Truck	Joliet Junior College	LyondellBasell
Mack & Associates	Metalstamp	Midwest Industrial Sales
Morris Hospital	Regency Care of Morris	Rezin Orthopedics
SPACECO	Standard Bank	US Cold Storage
Utility Concrete	Village of Minooka	