

Economic Development Committee Meeting

October 4, 2012

Bluthardt, chair, called the meeting of the Economic Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on October 4, 2012 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members: Ed Bluthardt, Emil Bakka, & Chuck Hayes; others Barry McLean, Chris Stark, & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Joe Van DeLaarschot
The following County Board member was excused: Ralph Sitzberger & Lorin Johnson
The following County Board members were absent:

Approve Agenda: Motion by Bakka, second by Hayes to approve the agenda to be handled in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012 of the Economic Development Committee by Bakka, second by Hayes. Motion carried, all voting aye

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

- a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) – McLean stated that the Destination Vilas County meeting was a great success. The intention is to have a follow up meeting in the spring to announce the results of the second part of the study (the sustainability factor and demographics). The next VCEDC meeting will be on October 19th at 9:00 am. Colin Snook from Phelps will be presenting on the possible future of the Lillian Kerr Healthcare Center facility which is now vacant. The Northwoods Rail Transit Commission will be meeting with the VCEDC on October 11th at the VCEDC Incubator.
- b) Grow North – The next meeting will be on October 5th at the Oneida County airport. Stark was requested to check on the “Revolving Loan” status.
- c) Other Economic Development Activities – Stark shared some statistics about employment by industry for Eagle River and Vilas County (on file in the UWEX office) with the committee.

Monthly Budget Review -

Leveille distributed the update of the budget and a copy of the paid voucher statement (both on file in the UWEX office). **Motion by Hayes, second by Bakka to accept the statement of bills. Motion carried.**

Out-of-County Travel –

Bluthardt approved the supervisors to attend the Grow North meeting on October 5th.

Correspondence and Communications –

Nothing for this month.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Bluthardt adjourned the meeting at 10:03a.m.

Minutes reflect the recorder’s notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.
Submitted by: Rosemary Leveille