

Economic Development Committee Meeting

March 1, 2010

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on March 1, 2010 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Bob Egan, Ralph Sitzberger, Emil Bakka, & Charles Rayala; others Kelly Haverkamp, & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Ken Anderson, Eric Johnson
The following County Board members were excused: Jim Behling
The following County Board members were absent:

Agenda item # 2: Introductions – Not necessary this month.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Rayala, second by Bakka 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 February 1, 2010 by Sitzberger, second by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Agenda item #5: - Economic Development Reports and Updates – a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation –Bakka stated that the corporation is moving along and will be electing officers and approving the by-laws very soon. b) Grow North – Egan announced that the advertising grant is progressing. The additional grant that has been applied for, from the Department of Commerce, will have 4 sections to it and Grow North will be dealing with the manufacturing part of it – getting manufacturing jobs to the North. Grow North is questioning the probability of not applying for the next round of stimulus monies for broadband. There will be a definite dollar match that has not been determined yet, but the thought is at least 30%. c) Other Economic Development Activities – Should the conditions and future of our lakes, hunting, and snowmobiling be addressed by this committee, was asked; it was stated the Tourism and Publicity committee are addressing these issues. A draft of the strategies for 2010 (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the committee.

Agenda item # 6: Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills – Leveille presented an updated budget report and the following vouchers: Eagle River Inn and Resort-\$43.00; and Kathleen Haverkamp-\$61.50. **Motion by Rayala, second by Bakka to approve the budget report and the voucher as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda Item # 7: Out-of-County Travel – None for this month.

Agenda item #8: Correspondence and Communications – Nothing for this month.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Rayala, second by Bakka to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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