

## Economic Development Committee Meeting

June 4, 2010

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on May 3, 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, Jim Behling, Ed Bluthardt, & Kathleen Rushlow; others Kelly Haverkamp, & Rosemary Leveille  
Media present: Ken Anderson  
The following County Board members were excused:  
The following County Board members were absent:

**Agenda item # 2:** Introductions – Introductions were not necessary this month.

**Approve Agenda: Motion by Bakka, second by Sitzberger 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 May 3, 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 – Egan stated that a possible interim director, Richard “Dick” Leinenkugel was discussed at the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCDEC) meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The decision and details will be worked out before the next meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A roundtable discussion took place with local business owners/directors after the meeting. The results of the discussions will also be ready for the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Behling asked what the committee can do to help the VCDEC and the County move forward. Egan stated that the best thing to do is for the committee to bring all of the information possible to the full board’s attention and for all of the supervisors, should they see or hear of something that the VCDEC can do to the attention on this committee so it can be brought to their attention. b) Grow North – Nothing for this month. c) Other Economic Development Activities – Rushlow stated that the County has hired an independent, bonded company to investigate the financial data needed from Sonic Net to be able to make a decision on giving them the conduit loan that the County will acquire from the Public Land Trust for the construction of towers for internet service. It was also stated that the other required County background checks have taken place. A policy will be established and instituted by the County from the result of this activity.

**Agenda item # 6:** Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills –Leveille presented the following voucher – Vilas County Economic Development Corporation, Inc.-\$50,000. **Motion by Bluthardt, second by Behling to approve the presented voucher. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

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

**Agenda Item # 8:** Correspondence and Communications – Sitzberger noted that the list of agenda recipients had an error.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items:** The next regular meeting will be Friday, July 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment: Motion by Sitzberger, second by Bakka to adjourn at 10:15 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