

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on August 2, 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; others Dick Lienenkugel, VCEDC Interim Director ; Roger Weber, Hughes net; Dan Balog, Land O'Lakes chairman; & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Ken Anderson, Laurel Carlson
The following County Board members were excused:
The following County Board members were absent:

Introductions –

Everyone introduced themselves.

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 July 2, 2010 by Bakka, second by Sitzberger. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation – Lienenkugel stated that the job posting for a permanent director of the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) has been posted on the WEDA.org web site. He is anticipating a possible candidate will be chosen by the end of October and will be in place shortly afterward. The posting is open ended so all could apply not just those with economic development degrees, i.e. a semi retired person with an understanding of business and experience with business start ups and growth. There is now an 800 phone number that goes directly to Mr. Leinenkugel's email since there is no "office" as of yet because of no permanent staff. The round table meetings that have taken place one with some of the Vilas County businesses and the other with some of the Vilas County partners, i.e. schools, hospitals, etc. went well and gave the VCEDC board some directive and insights as to what the county needs and what they are looking for from the VCEDC. A few of their goals are to help the existing businesses, to nurture the entrepreneurs and build up regional partners. Mr. Leinenkugel, VCEDC interim director; and Mr. Burrill, VCEDC president, will be giving a presentation at the Vilas County full board meeting on August 17th. b) Grow North – Nothing for this month. c) Other Economic Development Activities – Egan stated that the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) is in the final stages of granting the loans to the pellet plant in Eagle River. He also announced that he has spoken with the DNR and the Dept of Commerce about grants/funding for the cleanup of the Nagel properties. There are different grants for the different phases and projects. Sitzberger announced that the annual dues for the NCWRPC for 2011 have been lowered to \$47,000.

Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills –

Leveille presented the following voucher – Kathleen Haverkamp-\$150.00. **Motion by Bakka, second by Bluthardt to approve the presented voucher. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Out-of-County Travel –

None for this month.

Correspondence and Communications – Dan Balog, chair of Land O' Lakes (LOL) stated that LOL is interested in some of the property that is in receivership by the County. He was instructed to present this information to the Forestry Committee because this is under their jurisdiction. Behling stated that he contacted Senator Feingold about the internet problems that are in the County and he was assured that there are additional opportunities, but has not heard back as to what they are or how to go about finding them as of yet.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 3, 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