

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on September 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; others Dick Lienenkugel, VCEDC Interim Director; Roger Weber, Hughes net; Chris Kamps, VC Information Technology; Kelly Haverkamp, University of Wisconsin Extension, & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Ken Anderson
The following County Board members were excused:
The following County Board members were absent:

Introductions –

Unnecessary for 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 August 2, 2010 by Sitzberger, second by Bakka after the correction to the Economic Development Reports and Updates to change the \$47,000 to \$48,000. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation – Lienenkugel mentioned a few of the activities that VCEDC is working on: they have received 10 applications to date and the deadline isn't until the 10th of Sept. for the directors position. A sub-committee will begin screening them and preparing for the interview process; they will become the second organization to be part of the angel network in the North; proposals from internet providers are being requested by the VCEDC board; with the closing of the Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare Center closing they are brainstorming on possible ways to reuse the center; a post office box has now been established for the VCEDC, PO Box 1621, Eagle River, WI 54521; and a power point presentation has been developed for the purpose of introducing the VCEDC and what they are all about .

b) Grow North – Egan stated that Grow North is working on existing projects and grants. The Nicolet Area Technical College has displayed a desire to be involved with the VCEDC and would like to know how they could interact with them.

c) Other Economic Development Activities – Haverkamp reported on the Economic Summit that she attended in August and gave the committee a copy of the “Be Bold Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Competitiveness Study”, Executive Summary (on file in the UWEX office). Egan stated that the Forestry Committee will be having a special meeting on Sept. 7th at 1:00 to interview consultants for the cleanup of the Land O’Lakes brown field clean-up and the DNR will be attending also to offer their technical ability and expertise with this type of situation. Mr. Wally Hilliard from American Generated Energy Solutions gave a presentation on his company’s new product and his desire to begin in Eagle River with his assembly plant for which he is seeking funding of approximately \$1 million.

Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills –

The 2011 proposed budget was discussed and Haverkamp was instructed to bring a draft to the next meeting for the committee’s approval. Leveille presented the following vouchers –Clermont Printing and Office Supply-\$8.09; and Kathleen Haverkamp-\$273.31. **Motion by Bakka, second by Sitzberger to approve the presented voucher. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Out-of-County Travel –

Motion by Sitzberger, second by Bluthardt for Behling to attend the WEDA conference for one day and Bluthardt to attend the entire conference in Oct. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Correspondence and Communications –

Chris Kamps, Information Technology director, brought a modem that is now in the squad cars for internet connection to the meeting for the committee's perusal informed them on how it works and the cost. Sitzberger bought several different Frontier flyers to the attention of the committee and stated that they have an ongoing survey for the area about high speed internet and possible connection in the future should it prove profitable for them to bring it to the area. Haverkamp announced that VILAS Vision would be starting soon and asked if anyone would be interested in taking a brochure.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Motion by Sitzberger, second by Bakka to adjourn at 10:50a.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