

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on October 4, 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 Roger Weber, Hughes net; & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Ken Anderson
The following County Board members were excused:
The following County Board members were absent:

Introductions –

Not necessary this month.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Sitzberger, 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 September 3, 2010 by Sitzberger, second by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

- a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation – Egan stated that there are interviews for the permanent Director of VCEDC going on this week. The last meeting was on September 20th in Lac du Flambeau and went well. The RFPs will be going out and expected by the end of the month from internet providers. When all are received there will be a presentation to the full County Board. It is anticipated goal of the VCEDC is to be self sustaining within three years.
- b) Grow North – Egan stated that Grow North is working on “green” projects. Egan will be meeting with Dan Kuzlik from Oneida County UW-Extension about the possibility of starting an “Inventors and Entrepreneurs Club” in Vilas County.
- c) Other Economic Development Activities – Egan announced that Vilas County and the DNR have formed a partnership to work on the brown field clean-up project. The County will apply for a grant on the clean-up, once the brown field studies are done and show that the contamination can be taken care of. NCWRP will also be lending a hand in trying to help and/or procure funds for the project. Sitzberger announced that the Land and Water Department will be doing a groundwater testing and education program that is totally voluntary and the Forestry Department might be interested in getting the groundwater tested that is adjacent to the brown field area.

Sponsor 2010 Northwoods Entrepreneurial Boot Camp –

Behling suggested that possibly some of the VCEDC Board of Directors should be on the review panel for the entrepreneurial boot camp. Haverkamp will be asked to take this to the Eagle River Revitalization Association.
Motion by Behling, second by Sitzberger to support the Northwoods Entrepreneurial Boot Camp by giving them \$500. Motion carried, all voting aye.

2011 Committee Budget –

A copy of the proposed 2011 budget (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the members. **Motion by Bluthardt, second by Bakka to accept the proposed 2011 budget as presented and forward it on to the Finance Committee for final approval. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills –

The budget update (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the members for their perusal. There were no bills this month.

Out-of-County Travel –

None for this month

Correspondence and Communications – Weber asked a few questions about the internet and its status.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Egan at 10:05a.m.

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