

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on September 12, 2011 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members Bob Egan, Emil Bakka, Ralph Sitzberger, & Ed Bluthardt; others Ken Stubbe, VCEDC director; Kelly Haverkamp, UWEX, & Rosemary Leveille

Media present:

The following County Board member was excused: Jim Behling

The following County Board members were absent:

**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 August 1, 2011 by Sitzberger, second by Bluthardt. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Economic Development Reports and Updates –**

**a)** Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) – Stubbe reported that the technology bazaar at the Festival of Flavors was a success. They had four companies come to talk about internet and the new advances in technology with about 700 people attending their booth. The key speaker was the CFO of Cellcom. A few of the companies said they would like to come back next year. The VCEDC projects committee will be hosting a contest for the high school students to develop “apps” for promoting the County. The “Angel” projects are progressing with 6 projects that are on their way with getting financial help and 19 projects that are just getting started. Steve Burrill, the VCEDC board chairman has met with Governor Walker twice now to talk about Vilas County and what is being done and can be done for the growth of the County. Stubbe also announced that the fund raising that has taken place is now a reality and actual donations have been made to VCEDC.

**b)** Grow North – Egan stated that Grow North has finalized their business plan (he has a copy if anyone would like to read), is now a regional group, and will be changing their dues from \$100 to \$500. Grow North has also received some grant funds and can now hire a part-time director. He also stated that the UW-Extension has a video of the wireless connection maps in Three Lakes.

**c)** Other Economic Development Activities – Haverkamp gave the committee two reports (on file in the UWEX office) from the UW-Extension one on Changing Public Investments in Economic Development and the other a Survey of Local Economic Development Organizations; she also distributed and discussed a report created by her showing Vilas County Business & Jobs (also on file).

**Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills –**

A budget update (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the committee. **A motion by Sitzberger, second by Bakka to pay the \$500 dues to Grow North from this year’s budget and set up a line item in the 2012 budget. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Out-of-County Travel –**

None for this month.

**Correspondence and Communications –**

Haverkamp asked the committee for their input on what is needed for the CRD position in Vilas County since she is leaving and will include the information in her exit report.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items –**

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment –**

**Motion to adjourn by Sitzberger at 10:25a.m.**

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

Submitted by: Rosemary Leveille