

Egan, chair, called the meeting of the Economic Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on December 7, 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, & Jim Behling; others Bill Lochte, Ken Stubbe, & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Marcus Neseemann, Lakeland Times
The following County Board member was excused:
The following County Board members were absent: Ed Bluthardt

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 amended minutes of November 7, 2011 by Sitzberger, second by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye. The amendment is in section c of the economic development reports and updates – “J. Behling stated that” is added to the comment “maybe the committee is no longer needed”.

It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session –

A vote to go into closed session was taken all committee present voted aye. **B. Egan, J. Behling, E. Bakka and R. Sitzberger.**

Return to open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e) -

A vote was taken to return to open session, all committee present voted aye. **B. Egan, J. Behling, E. Bakka and R. Sitzberger.**

Committee may ratify any action taken in closed session –

No action was taken in regards to the closed session.

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) – All information regarding VCEDC took place in closed session.

b) Grow North – A request for \$30,000 for base funding was made by Joe Hegge, director, and accepted. He also received information that Grow North has access to an additional \$400,000 of funding to be awarded on a case by case basis for tooling and manufacturing.

c) Other Economic Development Activities – Egan stated he will have railroad information at the next meeting.

Standing Rules – review and/or revisions –

Sitzberger read the standing rules to the committee. **Motion was made by Bakka, second by Sitzberger to accept the rules as stated and forward them to the Legislative and Judicial Committee.**

WEDA Membership –

A discussion took place on who to name as member since Haverkamp is no longer with the county. **Motion was made by Behling, second by Bakka to renew the membership and not name a specific person for now. Motion was unanimous.**

Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills –

A budget update (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the committee. The following vouchers were presented to the committee; Eagle River Inn Bar & Restaurant-\$50.00; and WEDA-\$150.00. **A motion by Sitzberger, second by Bakka to approve the voucher as presented and the budget update. Motion carried.**

Out-of-County Travel –

None for this month.

Correspondence and Communications –

Leveille stated that the WEDA conference will be February 8th - 10th, 2012 and the early bird will be until January 10th.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn was made by Bakka at 10:50 a.m.

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

Submitted by: Rosemary Leveille