

Economic Development Committee Meeting

January 7, 2013

Hayes, vice-chair, called the meeting of the Economic Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on December 3, 2012 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members: Chuck Hayes, Ralph Sitzberger & Mark Rogacki; others Barry McLeane, Chris Stark, Roger Weber, Tom Nitz, & Rosemary Leveille
Media present:

The following County Board member was excused: Emil Bakka, & Ed Bluthardt

The following County Board members were absent:

Approve Agenda: Motion by Rogacki, 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 December 3, 2012 of the Economic Development Committee by Sitzberger, second by Rogacki. Motion carried, all voting aye

Resolution – Reinstatement of Budget Items -

Hayes brought Rogacki up to date on the reason for the resolution and the status of the committee as of now.

Motion by Rogacki, second by Sitzberger to forward the resolution to County Board as written. Motion by Sitzberger, second by Hayes to main motion by striking \$1,100 in lines # 9 and #14 to original resolution and inserting \$2,000. Vote on motion to amend: Sitzberger and Hayes – aye and Rogacki – no; motion - passed. Vote on main motion as amended: Sitzberger and Hayes – aye, Rogacki – nay: motion passed.

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) – McLeane stated that December has been very busy and the opportunities that are popping up are surprising. They have been approached by a company from London that is looking for warehouse space to start up in the U.S. Grow North and the VCEDC are working very hard on getting the Revolving Loan Fund established. The second incubator location has been determined; it will be in Manitowish Waters. Several VCEDC officers, the Manitowish Waters Chairman and the bank executives will be having a meeting on the financing.

b) Grow North – Stark presented the committee with a copy of the 2013 Event Schedule for Grow North (on file in the UWEX office). McLeane advised the committee that several of the officers from VCEDC will be attending an Economic Summit in Lac du Flambeau to discuss the possibility of partnering with the tribe on grant funding opportunities.

c) Other Economic Development Activities – Stark brought the committee up to date on the Phelps Revitalization Strategy that he is conducting.

Monthly Budget Review -

Leveille distributed the update of the budget and statement of bills (on file in the UWEX office).

Out-of-County Travel –

None for the month.

Correspondence and Communications –

Leveille informed the committee that Matt Schreiber is no longer with the NCWRPC. Hayes directed Leveille to bring the resolution to the Clerk's office for processing.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Hayes adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

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

Submitted by: Rosemary Leveille