

Bluthardt, chair, called the meeting of the Economic Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on September 7, 2012 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members: Ed Bluthardt, Emil Bakka, Ralph Sitzberger, Chuck Hayes, & Lorin Johnson; others Chris Stark & Rosemary Leveille  
Media present: Joe Van DeLaarschot  
The following County Board member was excused:  
The following County Board members were absent:

**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 6, 2012 of the Economic Development Committee by Sitzberger, second by Hayes. Motion carried, all voting aye**

**Economic Development Reports and Updates –**

a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) – Bluthardt stated that Stubbe will not be attending. His mid-year 2012 report (on file in the UWEX office) was distributed to the committee. Sitzberger and Bakka noted that the VCEDC have been working on tourism initiatives. The VCEDC should also be communicating with the County Tourism Department and the Vilas County Chambers of Commerce on these matters.

b) Grow North – The next meeting will be the general membership meeting in Eagle River on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Chanticleer Inn from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There will also be a presentation on export control activities. Bluthardt commented on how other counties have set up their economic development corporations.

c) Other Economic Development Activities – The Northwoods Rail Transit Commission next meeting take place in mid-September. Sitzberger has been appointed as the second representative from Vilas County. Stark distributed and discussed a report on Eagle River census statistics (on file in the UWEX office).

**Monthly Budget Review -**

Leveille distributed the update of the budget and a copy of the paid voucher statement (both on file in the UWEX office).

**Out-of-County Travel –**

Bluthardt gave Sitzberger approval to attend the Northwoods Rail Transit Commission meeting.

**Correspondence and Communications –**

Nothing for this month.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items –**

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment –**

**Bluthardt adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.**

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