

**Extension Education and Community Development Committee & Economic Development Committee joint Meeting**

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Chairman Hayes called the joint meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee and Economic Development Committee meeting to order at 9:58 a.m., on July 8, 2014 at the Vilas County Manufacturing Incubator, 4825 Hwy 70 West, Eagle River, WI 54521

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members Chuck Hayes, Rocky Caffarella, Jerry Burkett and others Nancy Anne Miller and Chris Stark. The following County Board members were excused: Wally Beversdorf, Kim Simac, and Racquel Zortman-Bell  
The following County Board member(s) was absent: Carolyn Ritter  
Guests: Bob Egan and Tom Nitz

**Approve Agenda: Motion by Burkett, second by Caffarella to approve the agenda. Motion passed.**

**Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2014 meeting by Caffarella, second by Burkett. Motion passed.**

**2015 Proposed Budget for the Economic Development Committee: (Line item 4):** Stark passed out the budget and report on the recent conference/training that he attended. Budget is used for training and he would like it to remain the same - \$1,600 for 2015.

Egan clarified the EDC budget – \$160,000 budget with \$100,000 coming from the county. Noted the importance of ROI on the \$100K via private investors (especially Dave Juday and Carl Ruedebusch) in the county's incubators. \$500 tuition for E-seed classes is covered for Vilas County residents by Dave Juday. Caffarella asked how the money is spent. Egan: about \$50,000 is spent on Egan's and McLeane's salary, another \$50,000 on advertising, marketing consultant, and for utilities in the Cranberry and Mani Waters incubators. Egan noted that the EDC will likely never be self-sufficient. Tom Nitz spoke about the very good experience he had from learning in the E-seed class at the Cranberry Incubator. **Motion to approve EDC 2015 budget as proposed by Burkett, seconded by Caffarella. Motion passed.**

**2015 Proposed Budget for the Extension Education and Community Development Committee:** N. Miller explained the revised budget proposed for 2015. Hayes clarified with Miller that salaries for UW-Extension are set by the state, not the county. N. Miller explained each line item.

**Motion to approve UW-Extension 2015 budget as proposed by Caffarella, seconded by Burkett. Motion passed.**

**Committee Consolidation** – Hayes requested input from Stark, Egan, Miller, Caffarella, all spoke favorably of combining the UWEX and Economic Development Committees. Burkett felt he could not contribute an opinion due to his lack of knowledge about the two committees. Chairman Hayes spoke in favor and noted that Supervisors Beversdorf and Ritter had spoken in favor of the consolidation. **Motion by Caffarella and seconded by Hayes to combine the UW-Extension Committee and the Economic Development Committees into one. Motion passed 2-0-1. Burkett abstaining because he doesn't feel he is qualified. County Board Chair DeBruyne gave his opinion. Motion must now be submitted to Legal and Judicial for Approval.**

**Out-of-County travel:** Stark will be going to an International Economic Development Council Seminar in Indianapolis. N. Miller noted the out-of-county travel she will be doing. On file.

**Budget Review/Statement of Bills:** Previously reviewed

**Correspondence and Communications:** Miller reviewed the memo that she had sent to the County Clerk supporting consolidation of the UWEX and Economic Development committees.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items:** The next regular meeting date of the committees is TBD.

**Adjournment:** Hayes adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.  
Respectfully submitted by: C. Stark