

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 9:30 a.m., on August 19, 2014 in the Vilas County Conference Rm #2, Eagle River, WI 54521

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Chuck Hayes, Kim Simac and Wally Beversdorf. Others present were: From UWEX: Nancy Anne Miller, Chris Stark, Jenette Gunville, Bob Egan, Executive director of Economic Dev. Corp. and Mary Sowinski, assistant corp. counsel.

The following County Board members were excused: Carolyn Ritter.

The following County Board member(s) was absent: Racquel Zortman-Bell and Rocky Caffarella.

Guests:

Approve Agenda: Motion by Beversdorf, second by Simac to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 20, 2014 meeting by Beversdorf, second by Simac. Motion passed.

Budget Amendment resolution – UW Extension: Stark explained the resolution regarding a broadband grant. Discussion. **Motion to support budget amendment by Beversdorf, second by Hayes. Motion carries.**

Committee Consolidation –

- a. **Proposed standing rule changes:** Discussion. Mary Sowinski, assistant corporation counsel, appears on behalf of M. Milanowski for any questions. Beversdorf sees this as an economic advantage to the county. The document was gone over line for line and discussed. The name of the committee will stay the same; it will be comprised of 5 members. Line #6 was added to the document. Egan is in agreement with the wording. G. Kukanich will prepare the amended document for the L&J Committee. N. Miller, Stark and Egan discussed how the Economic Corporation began and what they do. N. Miller and Egan to appear at L&J meeting to answer any questions.
- b. **Proposed resolution: Motion by Beversdorf to recommends to merge the two committees as circulated, second by Hayes. Discussion. Motion carries.**

Economic Development Reports:

- a. **VCEDC:** Egan updated the committee on the broadband issues and public service grants that are being written. They need to be submitted by Sept. 10th or 15th. Egan will find out by October if they received this grant. There was some winter damage done at the manufacturer incubator that is being fixed. Two new companies have moved into that building. Egan updated the committee on these new businesses. He explained about the Angel Group regarding another business. The Boundary Waters building in Phelps is being looked at for any new business opportunities. Nicolet College is doing another EC business plan class on Oct. 1st. If you are a Vilas County resident, Mr. Juday will pay the \$500 fee. There will also be a 6 session Quick books class on Oct. 6th.
- b. **Phelps:** Stark updated the committee on a presentation he did at the Phelps Town meeting regarding the revitalization of downtown with the Connect Communities program.
- c. **Broadband:** this item was discussed in item 4.
- d. **Grow North:** Regional meeting was in Phelps on August 1st. Stark updated the committee on the strategy of Grow North with regards to broadband and forest harvesting. Discussion on forest and lumber issues.

Out-of-County travel: Stark will be going to an International Economic Development Council Seminar in Indianapolis on Aug.20th. No county travel. N. Miller to Stevens Point on the Sept. 5th and Sept. 16 - 17 and Madison on Sept 10th and Gunville to Wausau on September 30th.

Budget Review/Statement of Bills: Reviewed and discussed.

Correspondence and Communications: Hayes asked about how to keep our Senator and assemblymen in our corner. Discussion. N. Miller invited the committee to the upcoming opiates training on August 21, 2014 at The Waters in Minocqua. N. Miller handed out a coalition brochure and press release regarding youth on County Board. She invited the committee to come to the 6th grade conference on September 25th in St. Germain. VILAS Visions will be starting in December. 4-H leaders training will be upcoming.

Agenda Items: Committee consolidation, budget amendment resolution, resolution commemorating 100 years of 4-H, and UWEX reports.

Confirm next regularly scheduled meeting date: September 22, 2014 at 9:30. Beversdorf will be excused.

Adjournment: Hayes adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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