

Economic Development Committee Meeting

March 4, 2014

Vice Chair Hayes called the meeting of the Economic Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 2014 in Conference Rm # 2 in the Vilas County Courthouse.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members: Ed Bluthardt, Ralph Sitzberger, Emil Bakka and Chuck Hayes; others present included guests: Jason Hilger, Finance Director, Lynn Uthagrove and Fritz Laeser. Rogacki excused.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda to be handled in any order at the discretion of the Chair by Sitzberger and seconded by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye. Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting taken on February 3, 2014 by Bluthardt and seconded by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) updates:

- a. Economic Development – Bakka reports that the incubators are filling up in Eagle River and Manitowish Waters. They are looking for more businesses to go into the industrial incubator. Discussion on how successful the incubators are going to be. Guests, Uthagrove and Laeser talked about how good the 12 week business program is.
- b. Grow North – No meeting/no report. Next meeting at Nicolet College on March 7th. Annual meeting in Antigo on April 9th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- c. Railroad Commission – Sitzberger reported that there are 4 new counties on board. Discussion on Keystone Pipeline and Canadian National. Dues for Railroad Commission are due and the County Board Chair questions whether this is worthwhile. There is an ongoing resolution in place authorizing the payment.
Motion to retain membership and pay dues of \$500 by Sitzberger and seconded by Bluthardt. Motion carried, all voting aye.
- d. Other Economic Development Activities – Stark updated the committee on the Phelps Downtown Revitalization Strategy.

Monthly Budget Review/Statement of Bills – Nothing at this time.

Out of County Travel – Nothing at this time.

Correspondence and Communications – Nothing at this time.

Future Meeting Dates/Items – The next regular meeting will be April 7th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. if deemed necessary by Chairman Bluthardt.

Adjournment – Hayes adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the committee. Submitted by: Gail Kukanich