

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
May 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Phil Baranowski, at 8:30 AM on Friday, May 2, 2014, Green Lake County Government Center, Conference Room, 571 County Board A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting laws were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Roger Field Phil Baranowski Marge Bostelmann
 Mary Lou Neubauer Harley Reabe Scott Sommers
 Dave Abendroth (8:35)

Absent: Steve Sponholtz

Also present: Evan Wentlandt, Loni Meiborg, Linda Ruggeri, Charlie Wielgosh, and Tony Daley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion/second (Baranowski/ Reabe) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Field stated that he and Baranowski have been President and Vice President for many years and he would like to see someone else step up to be President.

Bostelmann requested nomination for President. Field nominated Scott Sommers and Neubauer seconded the nomination.

Motion/second(Baranowski/Abendroth) to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Scott Sommers. Motion carried.

Sommers was seated as President.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Sommers requested nomination for Vice President. Mary Lou nominated Roger Field and Reabe seconded the nomination.

Motion/second(Baranowski/Abendroth) to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Roger Field as Vice-President. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Baranowski/Field) to accept the minutes of March 7, 2014. Motion carried.

Neubauer stated she contact Mayor Slate regarding his question last meeting on a bid district in Markesan.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neubauer stated that she asked Mayor Charlie Wielgosh to attend the meeting and see what the EDC is all about.

APPEARANCE

GLCVB REPORT – LONI MEIBORG

Linda Ruggeri appeared and presented an update of the activities for the first quarter of 2014 for the GLCVB and a summary of the trade shows they have attended. GLCVB is working on a new strategic plan, and working with historical society to developed Heritage Tourism. The new website development is complete. Ripon College Internships will help develop Heritage Tourism and work with the local historical societies. The Kids from Wisconsin will have a show on July 2nd in Markesan and Princeton will have a Whooping Crane Festival. GLCVB has applied for a JEM grant for the Whooping Crane Festival.

REPORT ON TRI-COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TREDC APPOINTMENTS

A press release was presented on the manufacturing working group for anyone that missed it in the paper. Currently 6 businesses are involved. Wheeler is looking for a few more businesses to be part of the working group. Only Robin 2 from Markesan is involved from GLC.

Wheeler is Working on a number of projects in the county. A&J Archery is in the old Stock Lumber building. Princeton will host the next TREDC meeting. Also reviewing RLF application for Greenway Historic Inn in Green Lake – Wayne Chaney Project which is turning Greenway House into a 8 bedroom B&B with meeting facilities and the grounds will be available for weddings, reunions, etc. Several businesses are looking at some of the available buildings in the county.

The new TREDC website is up and needs updating. Members are encouraged to take a look www.tcredc.org Facebook too.

Once the manufacturing group gets going Wheeler hope to utilize county EDC members to assist with business retention surveys again in early fall.

HOUSING PROGRAM

There is a meeting today in Waushara of the Regional Consortium. Bostelmann and Neubauer will be attending.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance as of April 30, 2014:

Housing Grant: \$31,449.16

EDC Checkbook: \$13,868.39

Motion/second(Baranowski/Field) to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

The check for GLCVB for \$10,000 as budgeted has been disbursed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Field told Mayor Weilgosh that the EDC is willing to work with the City to help in any way to develop economic growth in Princeton. There is an open door to Princeton and all municipalities.

Future Meeting Dates: June 6th 2014 at 8:30.

Future Agenda Items for action & discussion:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Abendroth/Baranowski) to adjourn at 9:00 am. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Marge Bostelmann, Secretary