

Economic Development Committee Meeting

December 3, 2012

Hayes, vice-chair, called the meeting of the Economic Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on December 3, 2012 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members: Chuck Hayes, Emil Bakka, Ralph Sitzberger & Lorin Johnson; others Barry McLeane, Chris Stark, Roger Weber, & Rosemary Leveille

Media present:

The following County Board member was excused: Ed Bluthardt

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 November 5, 2012 of the Economic Development Committee by Sitzberger, second by Johnson. Motion carried, all voting aye

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) – McLeane thanked the committee for their support and for their efforts in helping the VCEDC in receiving the full \$100,000 county contribution for 2013. He stated that the second incubator is coming along. The location will either be in Manitowish Waters or Boulder Junction and the Manitowish Waters could also generate income since it has 2 apartments that can be rented. VCEDC anticipates the opening to be in the spring. They already have the first business waiting to move in. The broadband study looks like it will take place with the majority of the funding coming from the Lac du Flambeau tribe. Also the cost of the study has been decreased by at least \$15,000.

b) Grow North – Stark was unable to make the last meeting. A discussion took place on how the dues will be paid since the budget for the Economic Development Committee has been cut. Hayes will discuss this with Hilger, Finance Director.

c) Other Economic Development Activities – Sitzberger stated that the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is making progress. They were looking to raise \$90,000 in funding and have raised \$60,000 as of today. He also announced that additional railroad companies have heard about the project and are coming to the table with new reports and possible suggestions. Stark reported his progress with the ongoing Phelps downtown improvement and market analysis.

Monthly Budget Review -

Leveille distributed the update of the budget and statement of bills (on file in the UWEX office).

Out-of-County Travel –

Sitzberger made the motion to approve Stark's travel to the Grow North meeting in Rhinelander on December 7, 2012, second by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Correspondence and Communications –

None to report.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Hayes adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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

Submitted by: Rosemary Leveille