

MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Monday, August 15, 2016

Members Present: Thomas Bauknecht, Carol Feller-Gottard, Andy Merry, Brady Koss, Pete Pennington, and Angela Schreiber

Members Excused: Fred Westphal, Tom Gallenberg, Warren Wagner, Steve Wilder, and Bill Brandt

Others Present: Angie Close and Keri Beck

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Thomas Bauknecht.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting: Motion by Koss, second by Merry, to approve the minutes from June 20, 2016. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Merry, seconded by Koss to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Economic Development Corporation:

- a. **Amend Schumitsch Seed Inc. Employment Language:** Motion by Koss, second by Carol to amend Schumitsch Seed Inc. loan agreement section III: Employment Language to state "The Company on the date of this agreement has ten and half (10.5) FTE positions" instead of 12.5 that was in the signed loan agreement. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- b. **Approve Recommendations from LCEDC Executive Committee**
 - **LCEDC Director Appointment to Northcentral Workforce Development Board of Directors:** Close reported since the Executive Committee met the Northcentral Workforce Development Board needs to discuss what sector needs to fill the open position on their board. No action taken.
 - **Application from Office of Gov Scott Walker to have LCEDC Director Appointment to Northcentral Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors:** The LCEDC Board gave Close approval to apply for the Northcentral Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors. No motion needed.
 - **LCEDC 2016 Budget Line Item Transfer:** This item was tabled due to the recommendations of the Executive Board, so that Close can gather more background information from other counties that have used the Tools of Business.
- c. **Update on Loan Fund Recipients:** Close updated the LCEDC board on loan fund recipients.
- d. **Update on Entrepreneurial Program:** Close updated the LCEDC board that the 2016 Entrepreneurial program is set to have assessments done in White Lake, Elcho, and Antigo on August 23-25. The Entrepreneurial Course will run September 15 through November 10. Close also reported that she met with The Suick Family Foundation. She will be scheduling a tour of the new businesses with a member of the Suick Family. Close also reported that she is working with the City of Antigo to set up a feasibility study for an entrepreneurial type center in the downtown. She reported that the City Administrator and herself met with a representative from the Diocese of Green Bay and talked about available grant opportunities to cover portions of the feasibility study and soft costs of an entrepreneurial center. **Motion by Pennington, second by Merry to approve the LCEDC to apply for a \$10,000 grant to help with the costs of a feasibility study to the Diocese of Green Bay. All Ayes. Motion Carried.** Schreiber stated that AT&T has grants available.
- e. **Update on Workforce Development Efforts:** Close informed the LCEDC Board that LCEDC has partnered with NTC to offer "On Boarding & Retaining Millennials." Sixteen businesses participated in the two workshops. Close is working on developing a Langlade County Workforce Development Committee. Close informed the LCEDC board on potential business projects for Langlade County.
- f. **Update on Economic Development Corporation Activities:** Close informed the LCEDC board that the USDA will be touring Antigo for potential office space. Close also informed the LCEDC Board that Langlade County was not selected as one of the three potential sites to relocate the Wisconsin DNR office. Wausau, Rhinelander, and Hayward were selected. Close also reported that Unmanned Systems, Inc. did a

presentation at the Langlade County Airport for the County Board. The owner of Unmanned Systems, Inc. is working with the Unified School District of Antigo and NTC to look into potential internship opportunity for Unmanned Systems, Inc. Other LCEDC activities are as follows:

- Close will be on the Breakfast Club promoting the Entrepreneurial Course
- Antigo High School Fab Lab Committee Meeting on August 24
- Governor Walker listening session on August 25
- Small Town Downtown Forums in Phelps on August 31
- WEDC Forum on September 6
- Logging Congress will be September 8-10
- Governor's Summit on September 19.

Old Business: Close informed the LCEDC Board that the Langlade County sign on Highway 45 South has been approved by the Langlade County Forestry Office to be moved, but the State of Wisconsin needs to approve for the sign to be moved to Highway 64 west of Antigo by the Lincoln County Line.

New Business and set date for next meeting: Next meeting date is September 26, 2016.

Adjourn: Motion by Schreiber, second by Koss to adjourn at 5:17 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bauknecht, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Bauknecht". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the signatory.