

MEETING MINUTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Monday, December 16, 2013

Members Present: Ben Zelazoski, Brady Koss, Thomas Bauknecht, Carol Feller-Gottard, Fred Westphal, Tom Gallenberg, Lynn Arrowood, Angela Schreiber, David Solin, Bill Brandt

Members Absent: Steve Wilder

Others Present: Chris Berry, Angie Close

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

President Bauknecht recognized Gallenberg for getting a top award on his custom furniture and recognized and thanked Zelazoski for his years of service on the Corporation Board.

Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting: Motion by Brandt, second by Zelazoski, to approve the minutes from November 18, 2013. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Appoint Warren Wagner to Langlade County Economic Development Board- Motion by Koss, second by Schreiber to appoint Warren Wagner to the Langlade County Economic Development Board. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Closed Session: at 4:38 PM, motion by Brandt, second by Arrowood, to move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (e) to review loan payment requests from Top Shelf and KB Hardwoods, and to review Blue Awnings (Avenue West) EDRLF Loan. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Open Session: At 4:46 PM, motion by Brandt, second by Arrowood to return to open session. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Action 1: Motion by Brandt, second by Arrowood, to keep Top Shelf monthly payments of \$300 per month with zero percent interest for one year beginning January 1, 2014 thru December 1, 2014 with a loan review in December, 2104. 10 Ayes. 1 Abstained (Zelazoski). Motion Carried.

Action 2: Motion by Solin, second by Schreiber, to keep KB Hardwoods monthly payments of \$544 from Dennis Klement and \$267 from Jim Klement with zero percent interest beginning January 1, 2014 thru December 1, 2014 with a loan review in December, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Action 3: Motion Brandt, second by Zelazoski, to have The Economic Development Corporation proceed with legal action on Blue Awning's personal guarantees. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Closed Session: at 4:48 PM, a motion by Brandt, second by Zelazoski, to move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (c) to conduct performance evaluations on the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation Staff. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Open Session: At 5:37 PM, motion by Brandt, second by Gallenberg to return to open session. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Action 1: Motion by Brandt, second by Gallenberg, to promote Angie Close from Operations Manager to Assistant Director with a base salary rate of \$35,400.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Action 2: Motion by Brandt, second by Zelazoski, to give staff a 1.66 percent raise for 2014. 8 Ayes. 2 Opposed (Solin, Arrowood). Motion Carried.

Economic Development Corporation:

A) Langlade County Economic Development Corporation 2014 Budget: Motion by Schreiber, second by Westphal to approve the 2014 Budget with the approved changes to the salary line item. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

B) Discuss ED101 For Local Leaders Workshop: Berry reported that there is an opportunity for an economic development training session designed specifically for the local leaders. She reported that Wisconsin Public Service provides a \$300 grant to the first 10 communities and that the Langlade County Economic Corporation would also

offer to put money towards the training. She will bring it forward to both the Langlade County Board and The Antigo City Council.

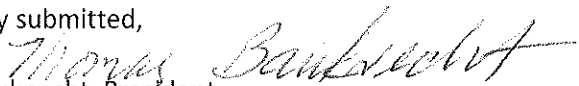
- C) Update on Industry Cluster Analysis:** Berry reported that the process has begun on the Industry Cluster Analysis for Langlade County. Information will be forwarded as received.

New Business and set date for next meeting: Berry reported that she attended the Governor's Forestry Economic Summit in Madison. She reported that there may be some opportunity to reach out to MFL owners to promote healthy forest management. She also reported that the Corporation is working with Grow North to establish a stewardship program. Berry also reported that WEDC has exceeded their reserves by approximately \$18 million dollars and is looking at returning the money to the State's General Fund. She reported the Langlade County, Oconto County, Florence County and Langlade County took initiative on how the monies could be utilized.

Next meeting date is January 20, 2013.

Adjourn: Motion by Arrowood, second by Gallenberg to adjourn at 5:53 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas Bauknecht, President