

MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Monday, June 15, 2015

Members Present: Brady Koss, Andy Merry, Carol Feller-Gottard, Angela Schreiber, Tom Gallenberg, Steve Wilder, Warren Wagner and Dave Solin

Members Excused: Thomas Bauknecht, Fred Westphal, and Bill Brandt

Others Present: Angie Close, Keri Beck, Annville Purdun, Kevin Purdun

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Vice President Brady Koss.

Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting: Motion by Wilder, second by Wagner, to approve the minutes from May 18, 2015. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Wagner, seconded by Wilder to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Closed Session: At 4:32 PM, motion by Solin, second by Wilder, to move into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85 (1) (e) to review a Revolving Loan Fund Request from Belle's Smokehouse, LLC. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Open Session: At 4:45 PM, motion by Schreiber, second by Merry to return to open session. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Action 1: Motion by Schreiber, second by Merry to approve Belle's Smokehouse, LLC a Revolving Loan Fund for \$10,000 for equipment purchase contingent upon a clean lien search on the owner's home located at 1137 6th Avenue in Antigo and to include a chattel security agreement on the equipment purchased with the funds. Personal guarantees also will be signed by both Annville and Michael Purdun. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Economic Development Corporation:

- a. **Update on Revolving Loan Fund Recipients:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on Revolving Loan Fund Recipients.
- b. **Update on Business Site Visits:** Close reported on recent site visit to Zelazoski's Wood Products, Timber Creek Resources, Polar Hardwoods, and Wieg's Manufacturing with Collin Buntrock from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. From these interviews, Close reported that there is a need for workforce development, a job center in Langlade County, and development of succession plans.
- c. **Update on LCEDC Activities:** Close reported Discover Antigo Pride Summer School Class being offered to 4th – 7th graders in the Antigo School District to visit many area businesses. Close reported on the Antigo's Downtown Entrepreneurs Grant. Belle's Smokehouse will be the first grant application. Close reported on the Unmanned Systems Inc. that is looking at opening an unmanned aircraft testing facility at the Langlade County Airport. Close reported on Discover Wisconsin. Close reported that Beck had an ATVing in Langlade County article published in the May/June Badger Sportsman Magazine. Close reported July 14-16 three old CDBG grants will be audited by the Department of Administration. The City of Antigo's CDBG grant for the Utility and Water Main Projects will be audited on August 18.

New Business and set date for next meeting: Next meeting date is August 17, 2015 at 4:30pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Gallenberg, second by Schreiber to adjourn at 5:06 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bauknecht, President

