

MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Monday, September 21, 2015

**Members Present:** Thomas Bauknecht, Angela Schreiber, Tom Gallenberg, Warren Wagner, Steve Wilder, Fred Westphal, and Bill Brandt

**Members Excused:** Dave Solin, Carol Feller-Gottard, Andy Merry, and Brady Koss

**Others Present:** Angie Close and Keri Beck

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

**Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting:** Motion by Gallenberg, second by Westphal, to approve the minutes from August 17, 2015. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Brandt, seconded by Schreiber to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Economic Development Corporation:**

- a. **Incubator Office Request By Habitat For Humanity:** Close reported that the incubator office current tenant gave the corporation a written notification to terminate the lease as of September 30, 2015. The business has graduated to its own office. A request was made by Habitat for Humanity to utilize the office until another business would need it. The incubator was created to help businesses and entrepreneurs grow and graduate to their own facility. The board's decision was to continue following the incubator office's purpose.
- b. **Discuss Future Lunch N Learn; Government Contracting:** Close informed the LCEDC Board that she is working on a Lunch N Learn with the Wisconsin Procurement Institute for a two hour workshop on applying for and securing government contracts.
- c. **Update on Revolving Loan Fund Recipients:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on Revolving Loan Fund Recipients.
- d. **Update on Entrepreneurship Training Course:** Close reported that the Entrepreneurship Training Course started last Thursday. The class is full with 15 students. The class will be on Thursdays through November 12. The Executive Board and a member of the Suick Family Foundation will be judging the business plans at the last class.
- e. **Update on LCEDC 2016 Workplan and Budget Process:** Close reported that she is working on the 2016 work plan and budget. The executive committee is working on a draft to be ready for the October board meeting. Evaluation and budget approval will be at the November LCEDC board meeting.

**Old Business:** Close reported that she will be attending the Fall WEDA Conference this week. Close thanked the board for allowing her to attend the IEDC Entrepreneurial Course in Minneapolis. Close informed the board that Discover Wisconsin is done filming the Wolf River episode, which will be airing on March 5 and 6.

**New Business and set date for next meeting:** Close reported that she has been on many interviews with Langlade County businesses. A major concern is the workforce. Close will be helping bring Talent Attraction and Development Workshop to Langlade County with the help of NTC. Close reported that Cirrinity is applying for a grant to extend fiber optic from Polar to Highway 55 to Silver Birch Ranch to Highway M. The board is supportive of Close writing a letter of support for Cirrinity for this grant. Next meeting date is October 19, 2015 at 4:30pm.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Brandt, second by Gallenberg to adjourn at 5:20 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bauknecht, President

