

MINUTES

Date: July 18, 2014

Committee: LANGLADE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY AD HOC

Present: D. Bauknecht, T. Bauknecht, E. Rantala, D. Solin, R. Nye, B. Benishek, D. Nonnenmacher, R. Stowe, M. Dessotell

Absent: T. Kassis

1. Meeting was called to order at 4pm by Berry

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting

Motion by Nye, second by T. Bauknecht. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Discuss the possibility of developing and incubator facility in Langlade County

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a feasibility study for a facility that would foster Wood Technology based businesses. Members were skeptical in doing another study, as many have been done in the past. It was brought up that a study would potentially show where our area is lacking and potential opportunities. Things that are known are the fact that a large amount of raw material does travel through the County on a regular basis; that infrastructure upgrades are needed and by creating demand for business development in the County would hugely impact our loggers and haulers bottom line as well. Other discussion was held in regards to our aging workforce; specifically regarding our logging industry and the need for an attraction strategy to encourage the younger generations to enter into the profession.

It was also discussed to find look at all previous studies and also to engage the North Central Regional Planning Commission. Also, other funding sources through the Arch Dioceses of Green Bay were discussed.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Berry will poll the Committee

5. Adjourn the meeting

Motion by Benishek, second by D. Bauknecht to adjourn at 4:45pm. All ayes, motion carried

Chris Berry, Secretary