ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

County Board Gallery, Room #326A, West Square Building

Baraboo, Wisconsin Monday, March 25, 2013

Members present: Marty Krueger, Donna Stehling, Joe Fish, Brian Peper, Dave Riek

Members absent: Gerry Lehman, Dennis Polivka

Others present: Kathy Schauf, Laurie Hasenbalg, Mike Clark, Helen Clark

The meeting was called to order and certification of Open Meeting compliance was given at 6:30 p.m. **The agenda was approved on a motion by Fish, second by Riek.**

The meeting minutes from the prior meeting(s) were approved on a motion by Peper, second by Stehling. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Laurie Hasenbalg asked questions regarding frac sand mining and transport in Sauk County. She was referred to Conservation, Planning and Zoning for answers to the questions posed.

Communications

None.

Update on Rails and Trails

Donna Stehling provided an update based on development in the Village of Sauk in the form of condominiums along the proposed trail corridor.

Chair Krueger reported on discussions regarding the upcoming April 3rd meeting regarding trail in the village with Mark Aquino.

Update on SCDC transition / Executive Director Search

The Board is undertaking a search for a replacement Executive Director. The SCDC Board is working through understanding what their goals and objectives are for the purpose of identifying the skill set needed for the incoming Executive Director. What are member community's needs, and what are the deliverables that SCDC needs to bring to the table. Discussing expanded membership to include townships. Venture capital and public-private partnerships are assets that potential candidates bring.

Discussion and consideration of potential uses /re-uses of the closed landfill property

The draft document was distributed for committee comment. The plan will be presented to the Town of Excelsior. Discussions will be had with Highway and Parks regarding potential re-uses of Wiedman's Woods property in the Town of Dellona. An executive summary of the all properties will be produced for presentation to Property and Insurance in April. Motion by Fish, second by Riek to approve the scenario of presenting the draft issue paper for further approval; discussions with Highway and Parks, and . compilation of an executive summary on county owned properties. Motion carried.

Discussion and consideration of strategic issues for Mid-Term Assessment

- 1. As a key economic driver for the future: Work with Public Service Commission, state, and other partners to identify need for broadband and mobility access.
- 2. Regional trail development within the county, including the portion going through Badger. *Brian Peper will forward this to the Highway and Parks Committee for consideration of this as a strategic issue*.
- 3. Continued involvement of Highway 12 east of Ski Hi Road and the section in the village of Lake Delton. *Brian Peper will forward this to the Highway and Parks Committee for consideration of this as a strategic issue*.
- 4. Working with SCDC to market Sauk County as a preferred place to live, work and visit.

Motion by Riek, second by Peper to submit items 1 and 4 as listed above as the strategic issues for Economic Development. Motion carried.

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Discussion of projects and priorities

Postponed to next meeting.

Motion by Fish, second by Polivka, to adjourn the meeting to April 22, 2013. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Stehling Economic Development Committee Secretary