

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Room 213, West Square Building  
Baraboo, Wisconsin

Monday, September 30, 2013

Members present: Marty Krueger, Donna Stehling, Joe Fish, Dave Riek, Gerry Lehman, Dennis Polivka, Brian Peper

Members absent: none

Others present: Kathy Schauf, Bill Stehling, Tom Pinion, Jami Busser, Steve Koenig, Donna Neuwirth, Judy Thies

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 Polivka, second by Fish.**

**The meeting minutes from the prior meeting were approved on a motion by Polivka, second by Lehman. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment** None.

**Communications.** LinkWISCONSIN updates on PSC surveys. As of 09/26/13, 72 business and 985 residential surveys have been received from Sauk County.

Sauk County Development Corporation invitation to the annual event was discussed and distributed. October 17, 2013 is the anticipated date.

**Presentation by the Wormfarm Institute: Fermentation Fest and Farm/Art DTour.** Neuwirth provided an update on the Creative Placemaking event. Federal funding and matching local funds will allow for the project to be undertaken in the County. Research and development phase is underway at this time. They are attempting to bring people to the region and “sell” the region as a whole. They work with other county NPO’s to provide additional programming during the event in Spring Green, Sauk City and Baraboo.

**Update on South Boulevard and Highway 123 Reconstruction - Tom Pinion, City of Baraboo Engineer.** Update on timeline on construction projects. Bid in May, construction beginning in July. 123 Jurisdictional transfer will occur as part of this project – city and county will take portions of the current state highway. Highway 12 will become Highway 136 as will Highway 159, which will be the advertised route to Devil’s Lake State Park. The In This Together program will be worked with local partners (Chamber and CDA) to assist business owners.

**Presentation by Jamie Busser: Request for funding for bathrooms at Rock Springs park facility.** J. Busser shared project parameters. Noted that a link to Park Operations or trail development will need to be established if the County is to participate in funding. Program information will be provided to Mr. Busser on the Board of Public Commissioners and a contact within USDA.

**Update: Rails – State Purchase of UP/Madison to Reedsburg Line and Trails.** Negotiations continue and are closer. October 30, 2013 is upcoming meeting date for trail development.

**PSC Broadband efforts and reports.** Andy Lewis will present an update on Rural Broadband at the upcoming intergovernmental meeting.

**Consideration of Property Master Plan: Discussion of tour/potential re-uses of property located in the Town of Dellona (130 acres).** Motion by Stehling, second by Polivka, to move this item to October.

**Motion by Fish, second by Peper, to adjourn the meeting to October 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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