

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Room 213, West Square Building

Baraboo, Wisconsin

Thursday, February 24, 2013

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

Members absent:

Others present: Kathy Schauf, Bill Stehling, Steve Koenig, Tim Damos

The meeting was called to order and certification of Open Meeting compliance was given at 6:00 p.m. **The agenda was approved on a motion by Polivka, second by Stehling eliminating one of the agenda items listed “ 7. Communications”.**

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

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Communications.**

None

### **Discussion of County-wide trail system.**

S. Koenig provided an update on meetings in the County that discussed county-wide trail systems. Reedsburg held a visioning session to discuss multiple alternative transportation modes and the future thereof. Baraboo held a meeting to envision the future of trails in the county for the northern portion of the county. The Department of Natural Resources, Sauk County and the Cities of Baraboo and Reedsburg were represented. Connection opportunities and routes were discussed. There was discussion around potential stakeholders that may participate in fundraising and groups to apply for grants. An invitation will be extended to other partners to discuss cooperative efforts and planning.

### **Discussion of 03/20/14 “Broadband” Meeting in Plain**

UW Extension applied for a grant for \$1,500 to host a seminar on Broadband in Sauk County. Andy Lewis, Broadband and Downtown Economic Development, Center for Community Technology Solutions will provide the program. Marketing for this event is underway. Area providers are anticipated to be a part of the session (RUCLS, Bug Tussel). The committee will plan on having their regular monthly meeting in conjunction with this session in March.

### **Discussion of 2/27/14 “Placemaking” meeting in Plain.**

The session will discuss the history of the conversation – how it began and where it may go in the county. Gene Dalhoff will present the particulars of “placemaking”. The purpose is to inform and obtain input from the communities on future directions.

### **Consideration of property master plan.**

**Motion by Dent, second by Peper, to approve the Property Master Plan and forward to the Property and Insurance Committee for consideration..**

**Motion by Fish, second by Polivka, to adjourn until February 27, 2014; and March 20, 2014 co-sponsorship of the Broadband seminar. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Stehling  
Economic Development Committee Secretary