

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Kraemer Library

910 Main St, Plain, Wisconsin

Thursday, March 20, 2014

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

Members absent: Marty Krueger

Others present: Kathy Schauf, Jim Allen Brett Schuppner, Steve Scheider, Tim Stieve, Phil Raab, Jenny Erickson, Henry Netzing, Andrea Lombard, Ruth Dawson, Member of the Public

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 Peper, second by Polivka . Motion carried.**

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

### Public Comment

None

### Communications

None

**Introductions were provided by committee members and board members in attendance.**

### **Broadband presentation and discussion**

Jenny Erickson, Sauk County UW-Extension and Andy Lewis, UW- Extension Center for Community Technology Solutions presented information that and facilitated discussion around the following questions and points:

Broadband: What is it exactly?

Broadband as a tool for community and economic development.

What is currently happening in the state? How does Wisconsin stand versus the rest of the nation?

Where does Sauk County and Plain stand in the state? How much broadband is available here and how is it being used?

Results from the Broadband Demand Survey and LinkWisconsin maps.

Obstacles to broadband development and strategies for improving connectivity.

**Motion by Polivka, second by Peper, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Stehling

Economic Development Committee Secretary