

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

West Square Building, Rm B24

505 Broadway Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Members present: Marty Krueger, Dennis Polivka, Dave Riek, Brian Peper, Peter Vedro

Members absent: Donna Stehling, Nathan Johnson

Others present: Kathy Schauf, Ed Geick, Deb Bauer, Jeremy Krachey, Jay Adams, Jamie Brandt,
Greg Webster, members of the public

The meeting was called to order and certification of Open Meeting compliance was given at 4:40 p.m. **The agenda was approved on a motion by Vedro, second by Riek. Motion carried. The meeting minutes from the prior meeting were approved on a motion by Polivka, second by Riek. Motion carried.**

Public Comment None

Communications None

Board Mid-term strategic issues: Great Sauk Trail and Placemaking

Update on Sauk County Development Corporation

Krueger updated the committee on the planning process that is being undertaken to renew the vision and purpose of the organization. The Corporation will meet next on April 20, 2015 to finalize their strategic thinking for short and long term plans.

Update on Great Sauk Trail

Krueger updated the committee on the planning process that is being undertaken to keep this initiative moving forward. April 15, 2015 is the open house in Sauk City for providing the plan to the public. Grants are being written for a Stewardship Grant and WEDC dollars. Intergovernmental cooperation is being elicited. The timeline was reviewed. A Friends Group is anticipated to begin formation as part of the ongoing process.

Highway 12 Stakeholder Group: Highway 12 Bypass, Ski Hi Road to Terrytown

Public Information Meetings for the bypass are concluded at this time. Issues are being resolved on a one-on-one basis on site. The state will combine bi-monthly meeting with the Economic Development Committee's meeting, at 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2015. The State and Chamber both have project websites. The County is sending information on Facebook.

Broad band Strategies

No further action required at this time. Bug Tussel is working on a build-out into under-served rural areas.

Placemaking

The committee explored next steps form moving placemaking forward. Identification of resources included a recommendation for a point person for the project. Funding is available in the 2015 budget. **Motion by Polivka, second by Vedro, to utilize budgeted project funds to move the initiative forward through a project position to get the groundwork in place. Motion carried.**

Motion by Vedro, second by Riek to postpone "crowdfunding". Motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 28, 6:00 p.m. Motion by Vedro, second by Riek, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Stehling

Economic Development Committee Secretary