

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

West Square Building, Rm 213

505 Broadway Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin

Thursday, January 29, 2015

Members present: Marty Krueger, Donna Stehling, Dennis Polivka, Dave Riek, Nathan Johnson, Brian Peper

Members absent: Peter Vedro

Others present: Kathy Schauf, Henry Netzing, John Dietz

The meeting was called to order and certification of Open Meeting compliance was given at 4:30 p.m.

**The agenda was approved on a motion by Riek, second by Stehling. Motion carried.**

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

**Public Comment** None

**Communications** None.

## **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 strategic planning discussion tonight will allow for feedback from governments and businesses in the county.

**Update on Great Sauk Trail Commission.** Stehling provided an update on the January 28, 2015 meeting of the commission. Timing and potential funding opportunities were discussed. Krueger indicated that the project is on schedule with a draft plan available at the end of February.

**Discussion of “crowdfunding” as a tool for economic development initiatives; and strategies for broadband.** Consensus around using this as a funding tool for the Great Sauk Trail.

**Motion by Stehling, second by Polivka to postpone Discussion and consideration – Placemaking, and discussion of strategies for Sauk County Broadband / next steps. - Report on Business broadband survey to the next agenda. Motion carried.**

Next meeting agenda items: Matt Kures of the Center for Community and Economic Development to be invited to attend the February meeting to discuss regional statistics.

**Next meeting: Monday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m. Motion by Polivka, second by Johnson, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Stehling  
Economic Development Committee Secretary