

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

West Square Building, Rm 213

505 Broadway Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin

September 17, 2018

Economic Development Committee Members Present Peter Vedro, Kevin Lins, Bob Newport, Scott Von Asten, Bryant Hazard, Marty Krueger.

Others Present Jared Pinkus, Alene Bolin, Bobbie Wagner, Jeffery Lentz, Mark Higgs, Ian Crammond, Ed White, Chuck Spencer

At 4:00 p.m., Chair Vedro called the Economic Development Committee meeting to order and certified compliance with the open meetings law.

Adopt Agenda Motion by Von Asten/Newport to adopt the agenda. Motion carried, all in favor.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting Motion by Hazard/Newport to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2018 meeting. Discussion regarding two errors, motion carried to adopt draft minutes, all in favor.

Public comment None

Communication None

Tri-County Airport Update – Mark Higgs discussed status of negotiations and existing agreement with Richland, Sauk and Iowa Counties. Will be brought back to committee for review.

Discussion of Intergovernmental presentation of Housing Study – Highlighting study and findings at an intergovernmental meeting in mid-October. Invitation will include all intergovernmental agencies from the past in addition to key stakeholders from Future Regions Initiative. Motion by Vedro/Von Asten to approve the presentation through an intergovernmental meeting on October 18th. Motion carried.

Discussion and consideration of Economic Development Budget. – CDBG economic development loans being shut down by state, proposition to buy-out outstanding loans and de-federalize funds. E&L committee looked at eliminating \$100,000 Community Development Grant and potential to replace with bought-out RLF. Motion by Von Asten/Vedro to reduce Community Development Grant by \$50,000. Motion Carried.

Rural Broadband Buildout Presentation - Ian Crammond – Review of rural broadband expansion throughout county.

Discussion and recommendation on County Logo. – Review of six logo variations on business card template and letterhead. Postponed until next meeting.

Consideration of Mid-Continent Railway Outside Agency Budget Request – Request of \$125,000 to rebuild the Seeley Creek Bridge as FRA-designated inspector determined replacement is necessary. Motion by Krueger/Von Asten to approve funding of up to \$125,000 for Seeley Creek Bridge to be taken out of fund balance and the amount the county would fund is the total less \$500,000 without contingency. Motion Carried.

Community Liaison Update Discussion of updates. Postponed until next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday October 22nd at 4:15

Adjourn

Motion by Von Asten/Krueger to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryant Hazard
Economic Development Committee Secretary