

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

West Square Building, Rm 213

505 Broadway Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin

March 25, 2019

Economic Development Committee Members Present Kevin Lins, Bob Newport, Bryant Hazard, Marty Krueger (4:05), Scott Von Asten, Peter Vedro, Wally Czuprynko

Others Present Jared Pinkus, Alene Bolin, Ed White, Lisa Wilson, Phil Raab, Becky Binz, Bryan Simmert, Chuck Spencer, Mark Higgs, Cassandra Fowler

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 Czuprynko/ Von Asten to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting Motion by Czuprynko/ Lins to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Communication: None

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Supporting Phase II of the Baraboo River Corridor Plan: Becky Binz – Presentation on the Baraboo River Phase II Corridor Plan. Discussion of history and future considerations. Motion by Von Asten/Hazard to approve the resolution and forward onto Sauk County Highway and Parks Committee. Motion carried.

TriCounty Airport Updates: Mark Higgs updates on weather impact to the airport, cold and snow impacting plows. Spring thaw and rains flooding parts of the airport including taxiway. Further discussion on future impacts of flooding on the airport and recommendations for improvements to limit impacts.

Discussion of broadband priorities and role of Sauk County: Phil Raab – Follow up on County's existing conditions of fiber and past initiatives on previous expansion efforts. Committee discussed how to move forward with future fiber plans, and what are the priorities. More information for USDA grant will be provided to the April meeting.

Community Liaison Update: Discuss project updates since last committee meeting

- a. Revolving Loan Fund Committee Approved Grants: Review the three grants approved by the RLF Committee

Discussion and Possible Approval of Economic Development Grant: Motion by Czuprynko /Von Asten to approve recommendations of Community Liaison for 10 a-c. Motion carried

- a. Prairie du Sac Grant Application: Approved
- b. Sauk City Grant Application: Approved
- c. Phoenix Flight Services Grant Application: Denied

Community Liaison Annual Report: Review of goals and achievement. Motion to approve Lins/Hazard. Motion carried.

Budget Discussion: Discussion on how to fund the remaining portion of community liaison position. Consensus on sending issue to Finance Committee. Discussion on consolidating grant funds to one account instead of three.

Community Development Block Grant Close Discussion: Review of RFP process for close out program. Motion to approve RFP Vedro/ Czupryko. Motion carried. Consensus to forward approval to E&L for continuation of RLF program.

Great Sauk State Trail Update: Dane County asked the trail commission to lead the process for obtaining proposals to design the Wisconsin River Bridge. Dane County will concentrate efforts connection on the trail and where it will lead. April 5th Rail Commission Meeting to discuss pursuing and approving abandonment for rail across Wisconsin River and the Wye.

Next meeting date(s) and agenda items: April 22 4:00

Adjourn

Motion by Hazard/Von Asten to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryant Hazard
Economic Development Committee Secretary