MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Monday, March 16, 2015

Members Present: Thomas Bauknecht, Tom Gallenberg, Andy Merry, Carol Feller-Gottard, Fred Westphal, Brady Koss, Angela Schreiber, Bill Brandt, Steve Wilder

Members Excused: Warren Wagner, Dave Solin

Others Present: Angie Close

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Thomas Bauknecht.

Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting: Motion by Brandt, second by Feller-Gottard, to approve the minutes from February 16, 2015. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Brandt, seconded by Westphal to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Revolving Loan Fund and Community Development Fund Loan Updates: Close reported that the Corporation received the bankruptcy notification for White Bear Lumber (Donald DuCharm) Revolving Loan releasing all debt owed to Langlade County.

Economic Development Corporation:

A) **Discuss Entrepreneurial Course Offering:** Close reported that the Executive Committee along with staff is working on setting up an Entrepreneurial Course starting in fall of 2015. They received a proposal back from WWBIC (Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation. She will bring total proposal forward once all the details are worked out.

B) **Update on Business Interviews for the Langlade Cluster Analysis:** Close reported that she has one cluster/site visit scheduled with Northern Steel. She reported that the goal is to find where businesses can partner, collaborate and create new opportunities. Close also reported that she met with Northcentral Wisconsin Workforce Development Board representative and will be partnering with them on business interviews in Langlade County as well so there are not duplicated efforts.

C) **Update on Wood Products Industry Efforts:** Close updated the board on Governor's Walker proposal to bring Wisconsin DNR Forestry Division to a Northern Wisconsin Community and stated that she is working with both the City of Antigo and Langlade County to gather data needed to present a case if indeed the proposed passes in July. She also reported that a meeting is set with a representative from the Forestry Division of the DNR regarding other initiatives that were set previously on making Antigo/Langlade County the center hub attraction for wood related businesses.

D) **Update on LCEDC Activities:** Close reported that the 2014 Langlade County Economic Development Corporation Audit is completed and final numbers were provided. She reported that the first initial budget showed the 2015 Fund Balance lower than the actual fund balance carried over to 2015. Motion by Koss, second by Feller-Gottard to amend the LCEDC B2015 Budget to reflect actual 2014 fund balance amount. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Close reported that the Manufacturing Spotlight Series began on March 6th and has already received positive feedback.

E) **Executive Director Six (6) Month Performance Evaluation:** The LCEDC Board President received evaluation forms from all board members regarding the executive directors six month performance review. The evaluations were positive and the next review will be in November, 2015.

New Business and set date for next meeting: Next meeting date is April 20, 2015.

Adjourn: Motion by Koss, second by Wilder to adjourn at 5:08 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bauknecht, President

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