

MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Monday, January 15, 2018

Members Present: Thomas Bauknecht, Brady Koss, Pete Pennington, Bill Brandt, Warren Wagner, Tom Gallenberg

Members Excused: Andy Merry, Mike Bernatz, Fred Westphal, Steve Wilder, Carol Feller-Gottard

Others Present: Angie Close, Keri Beck

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 a.m. by President Brady Koss.

Motion by Bauknecht, second by Brandt to amend agenda item number 3 by changing Warren Wagner re-appointment to Andy Merry. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Approve Re-Appointment of Steve Wilder and Andy Merry to Langlade County Economic Development Board of Directors: Motion by Brandt, second by Gallenberg to approve Steve Wilder and Andy Merry to the Langlade County Economic Development Board of Directors for 3 year term ending December 31, 2020. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting: Motion by Pennington, second by Bauknecht, to approve the minutes from November 13, 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Bauknecht, second by Pennington to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Accept Suick Family Foundation 2018 Contribution to LCEDC Entrepreneurs Program: Close updated the LCEDC Board on the 2018 Entrepreneurial classes and workshops. LCEDC will be partnering with SBDC to offer these classes and workshops.

Motion by Pennington, second by Gallenberg to approve accepting the Suick Family Foundation Grant donation for the 2018 Entrepreneurs Program. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve LCEDC Budget vs Actual Report: Close reviewed the LCEDC 2017 Expense vs Budget report.

Motion by Pennington, second by Wagner to approve the 2017 LCEDC Expense vs Budget report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Reconsideration of LCEDC Board/Committee Members Mileage Reimbursement

Motion by Gallenberg, second by Pennington to reconsider discussion on LCEDC Board/Committee Members mileage reimbursement. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on offering LCEDC Board/Committee members mileage reimbursement for attending LCEDC meetings.

Motion by Pennington, second by Gallenberg to approve paid mileage expense to Langlade County Economic Development Board/Committee members for all attended meetings starting February 2018. Elected officials serving on LCEDC Board/Committee are not eligible. Mileage expense will be paid from the members business address and will be voluntary. Mileage expense checks will be paid out on a quarterly basis. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Pennington, second by Wagner to approve LCEDC Budget line item transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 from unallocated funds to Board Meeting Expense account to cover the approved Board/Committee meeting mileage reimbursement. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

UW Extension Business & Entrepreneurship Your Economy Time Series Data Presentation Date: Close informed the LCEDC Board that Mark Lange from UW-Extension Business & Entrepreneurship will be presenting at the March 19th LCEDC Board meeting on Your Economy Time Series 2016 job creation and industry segment results for Langlade County. All City of Antigo Council and Langlade County Board members will be invited.

Economic Development Corporation:

- a. **Loan Recipients Update:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on loan funds and recipients.
- b. **LCEDC Initiative Update:** Close informed the LCEDC Board of the following initiatives:
 - USDA office has opened in Antigo, which brought 8 employees to Antigo. LCEDC is currently helping a person to submit a USDA loan.
 - WWBIC success story highlighted Jenny's House of Dogs. The article mentions LCEDC assistance in the process.

- Wagner informed the LCEDC Board that Habitat for Humanity of Langlade County will be opening a resale shop called Renovation Station. It will be location on Century Street in Antigo. The shop will be open the first or second weekend of February with a grand opening in June. Habitat for Humanity of Langlade County is looking for 6 people to serve on their board of directors. Contact Tara Guelzow for more information.
 - Dan Lemmer from SBDC reported a \$5 million impact on Langlade County businesses in 2017.
 - NEWCAP is using the LCEDC Conference Room every other Monday through February from 9 am to noon to help entrepreneurs with feasibility studies and business plans.
- c. **Update on LCEDC 2018 Strategic Plan:** Close updated the LCEDC Board that she has been in discussion with a local company to develop a plan to sustain LCEDC's efforts. The proposal to develop the sustainability plan will be presented at the February LCEDC Executive Committee meeting.
- d. **Discuss LCEDC Yearly Audit Review:** Close informed the LCEDC Board that Kerber Rose will be doing the LCEDC yearly audit review on February 21. Close acknowledged the buyout of Brettingen, Smits, Novak & Bastle, S.C. by Kerber Rose.
- e. **Discuss LCEDC Upcoming Events and Activities:** Close informed the LCEDC Board that LCEDC staff will be attending the Green Bay RV and Camping Show at the end of January, Tinley Park Fishing & Outdoor Show near Chicago in the beginning of February, and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show in the beginning of March. Close informed the LCEDC Board that the Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe in Mole Lake donated \$16,000 to Langlade County clubs and organizations.

New Business and set date for next meeting: Next LCEDC Board meeting date will be February 19, 2018, at 4:30 pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Bauknecht, second by Brandt to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brady Koss, President

