

MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Monday, March 19, 2018

**Members Present:** Thomas Bauknecht, Brady Koss, Andy Merry, Bill Brandt, Carol Feller-Gottard, Warren Wagner, Fred Westphal, Tom Gallenberg  
**Members Excused:** Pete Pennington, Mike Bernatz, Steve Wilder  
**Others Present:** Angie Close, Keri Beck, Sandy Fischer, Mark Desotell, Mark Lange

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 a.m. by President Brady Koss.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting:** Motion by Brandt, second by Gallenberg, to approve the minutes from February 19, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

**Langlade County Your Economy Time Series Data Presentation by Mark Lange-Director or UW Extension Business & Entrepreneurship:** Lange presented the Langlade County economic data. More economic information can be found at [www.youreconomy.org](http://www.youreconomy.org). Close and Desotell will look at the data more in-depth to help adjust Antigo/Langlade County strategies to align with and work towards business growth opportunities.

**Economic Development Corporation:**

- a. **Approve LCEDC Budget vs Actual Report:** Close reported that Kerber Rose completed the LCEDC 2017 Corporation Review. The 2017 adjustments are not back from Kerber Rose. Recommended adjustments will be forthcoming.  
**Motion by Merry, second by Bauknecht to approve the LCEDC Expense vs Budget report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Loan Recipients Updates:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on loan funds and recipients. Close reported that she and board member Wilder conducted an assessment of the current value of collateral that was used to secure the RLF loan to Northern Steel (aka Genesis Engineering & Manufacturing). Attorney Mike Winter has submitted a full claim amount on the loan.
- c. **LCEDC Strategic Plan Update:** Close and Beck have been working with Pharos Management on developing a communication and project plan. Close update the LCEDC Board on the planning progress for the LCEDC Summit to be held on June 6 from 8-11am.
- d. **Discuss LCEDC Upcoming Events and Activities:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on the following items:  
**Entrepreneur Training Program:** Close informed the LCEDC Board that the Entrepreneurial Training Program will be starting on March 22 and that ten students are registered for the EPT program.  
**Broadband:** Close informed the LCEDC Board that Angie Dickenson, director of the Public Service Commission, was at the March Broadband meeting. Dickenson felt that Langlade County is giving local providers excellent support. Dickenson will be working with legislature and the Department of Transportation to ask what would be needed in order to automatically build out road and bridge projects to have conduit specifications added to the project in underserved and unserved areas.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**Future Agenda Items and set date for next meeting:** Next LCEDC Board meeting will be held at Volm Companies on April 16, 2018, starting at 4:30 pm.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Bauknecht, second by Westphal to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brady Koss, President

