

MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Monday, August 20, 2018

Members Present: Andy Merry, Thomas Bauknecht, Warren Wagner, Brady Koss, Tom Gallenberg, Fred Westphal, Michael Hunter

Members Excused: Steve Wilder, Bill Brandt, Ron Nye, Bill Livingston

Others Present: Angie Close, Keri Beck, JD Schroeder

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Andy Merry.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting: Motion by Gallenberg, second by Wagner to approve the minutes from June 18, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Accept Mike Bernatz LCEDC Board Resignation: Motion by Gallenberg, second by Bauknecht to approve the resignation of Mike Bernatz from the LCEDC Board of Directors. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Michael Hunter to Finish Mike Bernatz Board Term For LCEDC Board of Directors: Motion by Wagner, second by Koss to approve Michael Hunter to finish Mike Bernatz's LCEDC Board of Directors term ending December 31, 2019. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Economic Development Corporation:

- a. **LCEDC Executive Committee Report:** Merry updated the LCEDC Board that the LCEDC Executive Committee has agreed to stay at four (4) LCEDC Executive Committee members. There will be two new board members come January 2019 because Koss and Gallenberg's terms will expire December 31, 2018. In October, the LCEDC Executive Committee meetings will be moved to the first Monday of the month and will start at 4:30 pm to correlate date and times with the LCEDC Board meetings. Close will be presenting the draft report from the LCEDC Strategic Summit at the September meeting.
- b. **Status of Revolving Loan Fund and Close-Out Program:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on loan funds and recipients. Close updated the LCEDC Board that the public comment period on the CDBG – Close Program has expired. Close and Beck will be attending a regional CDBG – Close program on September 12 in Rhinelander to receive the draft Substantial Amendment proposal, learn about eligible projects, and ask questions. Information will be forthcoming. Since 1988, the Langlade County RFL fund has loaned out 91 loans for over \$8.3 million.
- c. **LCEDC Strategic Plan Summit Update and Next Steps:** Close updated the LCEDC Board that the LCEDC Strategic Summit Report is almost completed. A draft copy is currently distributed to attendees for comments before the report will be made public. The LCEDC Strategic Summit Report will be available to view at the September Executive and Board meetings.
- d. **Review Langlade County Economy Overview Provided by NCWRPC:** Close reviewed the Langlade County Emsi report with the LCEDC Board. Discussion was held. Close will be requesting more in depth information on the report. More information will be forthcoming.
- e. **Discuss LCEDC Upcoming Events and Activities:**
 - The third of four Business Education Series on Buying and Leasing Commercial Real Estate will be held on September 13 at 8:00 am at NTC –Antigo Campus in room 108-A.
 - The Entrepreneur Training Orientation night is on September 13 at 5:30 in the LCEDC Conference Room.
 - The Entrepreneur Training Program will start September 20 and run Thursdays 5:30 – 8:30 pm through November 15.
 - Randy Stoecker will be presenting information on "Gaining and Maintaining Young Adults in Wisconsin on September 18 at 5:30 at the Antigo Public Library.
 - Three (3) Downtown Entrepreneurial Grants and three (3) City of Antigo Façade Grants have been approved by the City of Antigo Economic Development Committee.
 - It was excellent to see people downtown for the Antigo 'prime' Night and Chalk Fest held on August 15.
 - Beck was on the Breakfast Club with three of the six farmers promoting the Sustainable Farm Tour on August 25.
 - LCEDC had informational booths at the Langlade County Fair, Healthy Ways Walk, and one day at the Wisconsin State Fair.
 - Beck will be presenting information to new teachers in the Unified School District of Antigo on Wednesday.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business and set date for next meeting: Next LCEDC Board meeting date will be at 4:30 pm on September 17, 2018.

Adjourn: Motion by Bauknecht, second by Westphal to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Merry, President

