

## MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Monday, January 21, 2019

**Members Present:** Thomas Bauknecht, Warren Wagner, Bill Brandt, Bill Livingston, Fred Westphal, Michael Hunter, Andy Merry, Dillon Gretzinger, Lynn D'Amato, Angel Zimmerman  
**Members Excused:** Ron Nye  
**Others Present:** Angie Close, Keri Beck

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve Appointment of Dillon Gretzinger, Angel Zimmerman and Lynn D'Amato to Langlade County Economic Development Board of Directors:** Motion by Hunter, second by Livingston to approve Dillon Gretzinger, Angel Zimmerman and Lynn D'Amato to the LCEDC Board of Directors. Zimmerman and D'Amato's terms are for 3 years and will end December 31, 2021. Gretzinger term will end on 12/31/2020 as he is replacing Steve Wilder. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Minutes of Previous Economic Development Board Meeting:** Motion by Brandt, second by Westphal to approve the minutes from November 26, 2018. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

**LCEDC Executive Committee Update and Appointment:** Merry gave an update on the LCEDC Executive Committee. Westphal is resigning from the LCEDC Executive Committee due to scheduling conflicts effective January 10, 2019.

**Motion by Brandt, second by Bauknecht for Lynn D'Amato to serve on the Executive Committee. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

**Motion by Bauknecht, second by Livingston for Ron Nye to serve on the Executive Committee. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

**Accept Suick Family Foundation 2019 Contribution to LCEDC Entrepreneurs Program:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on the 2019 Entrepreneurial classes and Business Essential Courses.

**Motion by Bauknecht, second by Wagner to approve accepting the Suick Family Foundation Grant donation for the 2019 Entrepreneurs Program. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

### Economic Development Corporation:

a. **Approve LCEDC Budget vs Actual Report:** Close reviewed the LCEDC 2019 Expense vs Budget report.

**Motion by Livingston, second by Bauknecht to approve the 2019 LCEDC Expense vs Budget report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

b. **Loan Recipient Update:** Close updated the LCEDC Board on loan funds and recipients. Close will be following up with loan recipients' requests.

c. **RLF Close Program Update:** Close updated the LCEDC Board that the CDBG – Close program will be beginning February 1, 2019. No revolving loans can be given out after February 1, 2019. LCEDC staff will be participating in a CDBG – Close webinar this week. Afterwards, they will be brainstorming with County and City for CDBG eligible projects to apply for the CDBG – Close program. Close reported that funds will be limited for business GAP financing until a new revolving loan fund is established.

d. **Update on LCEDC 2019 Strategic Plan:** Close reported that focused effort teams are coming together. The groups are working on meeting dates. The focused effort teams will be working on creating a local "Job Center," Workforce Marketing Campaigns, and Downtown Antigo Image Enhancement.

e. **Discuss LCEDC Yearly Audit Review:** Kerber Rose will be at LCEDC on February 27, 2019 for the annual financial review. Kerber Rose will present at the LCEDC Annual Meeting on May 20, 2019.

f. **Discuss LCEDC Upcoming Events and Activities**

- **RLF Close Out Program Training**, January 23, 2019
- **Youth Engagement Summit, White Lake**, January 24, 2019 – The youth values information from the summit will be shared with industry leaders.
- **Green Bay RV and Camping Show**, January 24-27
- **Future Workforce and Labor Market Overview Presentation**, January 29, 2019 – LCEDC Board members are welcome to attend this presentation. Email Close if planning on attending.
- **Opportunity Zone Workshop**, February 6, 2019 - Antigo has been designated as an Opportunity Zone in which investors can open an opportunity fund to put capital gains in without having to pay the capital gains tax. Close has been working with current partners and has attended a webinar to find investors. Rules or regulation will hopefully be out on March 1, 2019. Close will be attending the Baker Tilly Opportunity Zone Workshop in Milwaukee to learn more.
- **Governor's Conference of Economic Development**, February 7-9
- **Tinly Park Recreation and Fishing Show**, February 9-11
- **Antigo In-Service Employer Panel Event**, February 15, 2019 – Close will be presenting information to new teachers in the Unified School District that are not familiar with local manufactures.

**Old Business:** Wagner updated the LCEDC Board on the Packer Tailgate Tour on April 13, 2019. The tour may not have current players because of the Packer coaching staff changes. The Packers will have former players instead if current players are not available for the Tailgate Tour.

**New Business:** The City of Antigo, the Boys & Girls Club of Langlade County, and Close has met with Dr. Julie Sprague, District Administrator of the Unified School District of Antigo, on how existing programs and events can incorporate the school district on getting parents involved in the their child's life and the community.

**Set date for next meeting:** The next LCEDC Board meeting date will be at 4:30 pm on Monday, February 18, 2019.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Bauknecht, second by Wagner to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Merry, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul F. Merry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".