

MEETING MINUTES LANGLADE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Monday, February 18, 2019

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

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 Brandt, second by Bauknecht to approve the minutes from January 21, 2019. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Bauknecht, second by Wagner to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 Nye, second by Bauknecht to approve the 2019 LCEDC Expense vs Budget report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Close reported to the LCEDC Board that the LCEDC financial review will be on February 28.

b. **Loan Recipient Update:** Close presented Blahniks' Cutting revolving loan request to the LCEDC Board.

Motion by Bauknecht, second by Wagner to approve the request of Jim and Barb Blahniks' to accept \$7,500 and forgive the remaining balance of the Blahnik's Cutting Technologies Revolving Loan. Once the money is received; Langlade County will release all security and grant a loan satisfaction on Blahnik's Cutting Technologies. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Close updated the LCEDC Board on loan funds and recipients.

c. **RLF Close Program Update:** Close updated the LCEDC Board that the CDBG –RLF Close program began on February 1, 2019. No revolving loans can be awarded through that fund. Close reported that the County, City, and LCEDC staff held brainstorming sessions to identify eligible projects. The project that was identified was the reconstruction of Fifth Avenue from Superior Street to Lincoln Street. On February 12, the County's Executive Committee approved to grant the City of Antigo use of the CDBG-RLF Close dollars to be used as for the reconstruction of Fifth Avenue if the City of Antigo buys out the revolving loan fund accounts receivables. The City Council of the Whole will vote on the agreement in a future meeting. LCEDC Staff will be attending a CDBG Application training. They will meet with DOA and MSA Professionals to discuss details of the collaborative efforts to utilize the CDBG-RLF Close program.

d. **Welcome/Information Center Discussion:** Options of creating a welcome information center and tourism council to market and enhance opportunities for the community as a whole was discussed. More information will be fourth coming.

e. **Update on LCEDC 2019 Strategic Plan:** Close reported that Team Project meetings are scheduled to work on the focuses identified in our strategic plan. Objectives and goals of each team will be identified at the first meetings and shared.

f. **Update LCEDC Upcoming Events and Activities:** Close reported to the LCEDC Board that LCEDC staff will be attending the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show on March 6-10.

Old Business: Close reported to the LCEDC Board the following information:

- Future Workforce and Labor Market Overview Presentation were rescheduled for February 20, 2019. LCEDC Board members are welcome to attend this presentation.
- Close attended the Opportunity Zone Workshop in Milwaukee. Close is working with local tax accounts on prospective investors/developers and with Co Vantage Credit Union on blighted areas.
- Close attended the Governor's Conference of Economic Development
- Close took part in the Antigo In-Service Employer Panel Event. Groups then toured local manufacturing facilities.

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

Adjourn: Motion by Wagner, second by Westphal to adjourn at 5:09 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Merry, President

