

**LCEDC Loan Review Board** 

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020

Time: 8:00 a.m.

**MEETING MINUTES** 

**Economic Development Corporation Board Room**. **Wood Technology Center of Excellence Building** 

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Zelazoski, Glenn Bugni, Gary Smits, Ron Nye,

MEMBERS PRESENT ON PHONE: Leah Antoniewicz, Dave Visser

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rhonda Norrbom **OTHERS PRESENT:** Angela Close, Keri Beck

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approve Minutes from 3-6-2020: Motion by Bugni, second by Nye, to approve the Loan Review Board Meeting minutes from March 6, 2020. All Aves. Motion Carried.

Closed Session: At 8:01 am Motion by Nye, second by Bugni, to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1) (E), to review a Langlade County Community Development Loan Request, review current Revolving Loan Fund status and to review current loan recipients. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bugni, second by Nye, to return to open session at 8:41 am. All ayes. Motion carried.

Loan request was tabled. Close will be following up with the loan applicant for clarification. Another Loan Review Board will be scheduled before the LCEDC November Board Meeting. Information only on the current Revolving Loan Fund and loan recipients. No action taken.

Review 2020 Loan Review Board Terms: Close reviewed the LRB terms with the LRB.

Motion by Bugni, second by Smits, to recommend to the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation Board to approve Ben Zelazoski and Dave Visser to the Loan Review Board for another 3-year term ending December 31, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business: Close updated the LRB on Langlade County Business during the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses that are struggling opened in 2020 and are not eligible for the programs available. LCEDC has been focused on providing information to businesses on ecommerce to assist in the transition to online sales. LCEDC has been working on Langlade County broadband. The complete Langlade County Technology Survey Report results are on the EDC website, which found that 75% for rural Langlade County residents had access to broadband, but 54% responded they didn't have adequate service. Antoniewicz reported that people are buying properties to get away, but buyers always ask about internet access.

Motion by Nye, second by Bugni to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Ben Zelazoski

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