

**MEETING MINUTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 12 ,2026**

Members Present: Tammy Walrath, Thomas Bauknecht, Steve Maier, Warren Wagner

Members Present by Conference:

Members Excused:

Others Present: Angie Close, Keri Beck

Meeting was called to order by President Tammy Walrath at 4:15 pm.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of Previous Economic Development Executive Committee Meeting: Motion by Bauknecht, second by Wagner, to approve the minutes from November 3, 2025. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Langlade County Economic Development Corporation:

- A. Fall ETP Business Plan Presentations:** Five Fall ETP Business plans were presented to the LCEDC Executive Committee to be considered for the ETP Business Start Up Grant.
- B. Recommend Business Plan Grant Award:** Close informed the LCEDC Executive Committee that there is \$4,000 to be awarded for the Fall ETP Business Start Up Grants. After discussing the presented business plans, Close was recommended to work with Andi Gretzinger at the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to award the Fall ETP Business Start Up Grants.

Motion by Maier, second by Wagner to recommend to the LCEDC Board under the consent agenda to approve Entrepreneurial Business Start-Up Grants to the selected businesses and amount as deemed by LCEDC and SBDC. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

- C. Review and Approve payments of Bills for November & December 2025:** Close reviewed the November & December 2025 LCEDC invoices with the LCEDC Executive Committee.

Motion by Bauknecht, second by Maier to recommend to the LCEDC Board under the consent agenda to approve the November & December 2025 LCEDC invoices as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

- D. Review Budget vs Actual and Year End Financials:** Close reviewed with the LCEDC Executive Committee the budget vs actual as of December 31, 2025. The final net revenue includes allocated money for Dream Up, ETP, and destination marketing to be carried over to 2026. Information only.
- E. Approve 2026 Suick Foundation Grant:** Close informed the LCEDC Executive Committee that the Suick Family Foundation has awarded the LCEDC Entrepreneurial Program \$20,000 for the 2026 Entrepreneurial Programs and Entrepreneurial Start-Up Grants. Close read a statement from the Suick Family Foundation.

Motion by Walrath, second by Maier to recommend to the LCEDC Board under the consent agenda to approve accepting the Suick Family Foundation Grant donation for the 2026 Entrepreneurs Program. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

In addition, Close reported that the Business Network of Langlade County e-newsletter was recently sent out reviewing 2025 accomplishments and Lazy Eye's Hot Sauces Made in Wisconsin article. The 2026 Business Network of Langlade County offerings have been planned out. The Langlade County Business Expo is being planned from 10 am to 3 pm on April 25, 2026. The Langlade County Toastmasters Executive team is working on obtaining twenty (20) members. The White Lake REV Program was featured in The Business News. The REV group is moving forward on applying for the Diverse Business Development Grant. Andi Gretzinger with SBDC has developed a new client impact form for easier reporting while obtaining more data for 2026.

- F. 2025 Audit Review Date:** Close informed the LCEDC Executive Committee that the LCEDC financial review by KerberRose will be on March 9, 2026. KerberRose will have tourism divided out for 2025 financial review.
- G. LCEDC Board Nominations:** Close reported to the LCEDC Executive Committee that she has contacted recommended board nominees. Will follow up at next meeting.
- H. LCEDC Revolving Loan Fund Update:** Close reviewed the year end LCEDC Revolving Loan Fund recipients. Three (3) loans have been paid in full with four (4) new Revolving Loan Funds being disbursed and two (2) new WEDC Emergency Relief Revolving Loan Funds. The partial third quarter and fourth quarter RLF administration fee over \$20,000 of paid interest for RLF administrative fee will be transferred into the LCEDC Reserve Money Market Account. When the time is right the amount will be invested in a high yield interest account.

- I. **LCEDC Grant Proposal Updates:** Close updated the LCEDC Executive Committee that LCEDC was not awarded the WEDC Technical Assistance Grant along with the City of Antigo Small Business Development Grant for Downtown Antigo. WEDC has contacted LCEDC on applying for the Diverse Business Development Grant to assist in building White Lake's entrepreneurial hub. A Vibrant Spaces Grant was provided to the City and Langlade County's Park and Recreation Department heads. Discussion was held on applying for WEDC's Talent Attraction Grant to help with attracting workforce from outside of Wisconsin. LCEDC staff met with Make My Move to learn more about their services and the grant. A breakdown of the grant was provided. Information only.
- J. **Tourism Update:** Beck reported to the LCEDC Executive Committee that with the recent Langlade County Snowmobile Trail public service announcements on the opened and closed of the trail, LCEDC has provided the announcement through Everbridge notifications to 1,427 people. The trail opening Facebook post had 43,892 views, while the trail closing announcement had 125,801 views. Beck will be working the North Central Wisconsin Tourism booth a shift at the 2026 Green Bay RV Show on January 29 through February 1st. Additional tourism information is in the LCEDC monthly reports.
- K. **Other Economic Development Corporation Activities:** Close updated the LCEDC Executive Committee that the 3-year LCEDC agreement with Langlade County will be on the January Langlade County Board agenda. LCEDC was nominated for the WEDA Organization Thrive Award by Andi Gretzinger from SBDC. LCEDC was selected as the runner up for this award. Close updated the LCEDC Executive Committee that Close had 54 PTO hour and Beck had 13.75 hours of additional PTO over the allowed 80 hours to roll over to 2026. Close was approved for an additional 32 hours to roll over to 2026, but actually had 54 additional PTO hours that was not used in 2025. Close will be using these hours at the end of January. Information only.
- L. **Roundtable Updates:** Maier informed the LCEDC Executive Committee that Langlade County's new Human Resource Director from Minnesota has started.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business and set date for next meeting: No new business was brought forward. The next LCEDC Executive Committee meeting will be one week later. It is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026 at 4:15 pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Wagner, second by Bauknecht to adjourn at 7:15 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Keri Beck, Recording Secretary

