

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

April 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Phil Baranowski, at 8:30 am on Friday, March 6, 2009, in the County Board Room, Courthouse, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting laws were certified as being met.

Present: Phil Baranowski Marge Bostelmann Roger Field
Ken Werth (by phone) Mary Lou Neubauer Terry Williamson (8:45)
Dan Priske (9:15)

Absent: Art Egbert, Scott Sommers
Also present: Sue Koehn and Lauree Renaud

MINUTES

Motion/second(Field/Neubauer) to accept the minutes of March 6, 2009. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

APPEARANCES None

HOUSING GRANT PROJECT

Sue Koehn appeared to discuss a loan for \$3078. The home is close to foreclosure. The bank is asking for a release of the loan to avoid the foreclosure. Discussion was held.

Motion/second(Werth/Field) to table this until the next meeting and be able to review additional information.

Discussion: The Board would like more information on the value of the house, and other circumstances. Koehn will give a report next month.

Roll call vote, motion carried.

COUNTY MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAILS

Lauree Renaud appeared to discuss a request for a bike trail guide. She would like the Board to approve funding toward a tri-county map/booklet. Each county is being asked for \$3000. There is no advertising planned in the book. \$1300 has been pledged from the City of Green Lake and Green Lake Country Visitor's bureau. Renaud is asking for \$1700 from the Corporation. Discussion was held.

Werth excused at 9:15.

Motion/second(Field/Priske) to contribute \$500 of the carryover funds toward the cost of the tri-county bicycle booklet. Roll call vote, motion carried.

REPORT ON TRI-COUNTY EDC

Appointment of Individual to TREDC Board: Wheeler suggested Paul Metcalf. Paul and his wife own Personal Best in Princeton. They also had a loan from the EDC for the Princeton Gardener several years ago.

Motion/second(Priske/Field) to appoint Paul Metcalf to the TREDC Board. Motion carried.

Bostelmann explained that the Coordinating Committee met and discussed the idea of the summit theme this year be modernized agricultural. The summit will probably be held in Marquette County.

Wheeler will propose that the Finance Resource Committee look into fund raising and the Business Development Committee look into a business retention study. Wheeler also explained that the 3 counties may be able to get a grant for wireless internet access through the area.

REPORT ON THE GREEN LAKE COUNTRY VISITORS BUREAU

Field attended the last meeting and explained that the marketing director is Nicole Chase. The phone system is not working properly right now but will be corrected soon. Bostelmann explained that she has not received an invoice from the GLCVB yet. She has called and emailed requests, but has not received the invoice.

CORRESPONDENCE None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bostelmann noted the bank balances:

- EDC Checking – \$18,297.39
- Housing Grant Funds – \$18,474.91
- EAP Housing Grant - \$16,379.41

Motion/second(Neubauer/Williamson) to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Wheeler has received a commitment form Robert O'Donnell, UW Oshkosh, Wisconsin Small Business Development Center Network to make a presentations on the "reality" behind the changes to the SBA financing programs as a result of the stimulus bill and how that matches up to real small business needs.

Wheeler can not attend on the 7th and Bostelmann asked if the annual meeting should be changed to the 14th. The menu has been set with Christianos. She reserved the room from 11:30 to 2:00.

VOUCHERS

Waushara County TREDC Contribution \$10,000

Motion/second(Field/Neubauer) to approve the voucher. Motion carried.

SELECT BUSINESSES TO VISIT NEXT MONTH - Annual Meeting

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION:

Meeting Dates: May 14, 2009, 10:30 am at Christiano's with the annual meeting starting at 11:30.

Agenda Items: Housing grant

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Priske/Field) to adjourn at 10:00 am to Flash Trucking. Motion carried.

Submitted by



Marge Bostelmann
Secretary