

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

September 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Phil Baranowski, at 9:10 AM on Friday, September 4, 2009, Green Lake County Boardroom, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting laws were certified as being met.

Present: Phil Baranowski Marge Bostelmann Mary Lou Neubauer
Art Egbert Ken Werth Dan Priske
Terry Williamson

Absent: Roger Field and Scott Sommers

Also present: Jason Kauffeld

Phil Baranowski, Art Egbert and Marge Bostelmann met at the county construction site on County Road A at 8:00 AM for a tour.

MINUTES

Motion/second(Egbert/Priske) to accept the minutes of July 21, 2009 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bostelmann presented the Course Syllabus for the Tri-County Leadership Initiative. Last year the Corporation sponsored one student. Egbert asked if there has been a survey taken on how this has impacted the students since taking the class. Kauffeld is working on one and will share the results with the Board.

Bostelmann also presented information and advertising prices from the Green Lake Magazine. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPEARANCES – None

HOUSING GRANT PROJECT

A public hearing will be held on October 2nd for the EAP grant in the county Boardroom prior to the regular meeting.

REPORT ON TRI-COUNTY EDC

1. TREDC Summit will be on Oct. 29th 9:00 AM at the Rivers Bend Campground and Resort.
TREDC Salutes Agribusiness

2. RLF Committee approved \$150,000 loan to Enhanced Flooring Products (Oakridge Plastics) to assist with Working Capital and Equipment needed for the facility they purchased in the Green Lake Business Park. Project should create 17 new jobs over the next few years. Also have application in with Commerce for additional \$150,000. If successful that will bring our total to \$600,000 in new CDBG money for businesses and as it is paid back it goes into our RLF. Therefore we would have increased our TRI-County RLF by 50% this year. And we are almost out of money but Endeavor has passed a transfer resolution and with that along with payments we should be back over a \$100,000 balance shortly. Also have one other project we will submit to Commerce for \$200,000 in Marquette

County. Wheeler will be doing a Big Check presentation and GLCEDC along with RLF review committee will be invited.

3. TREDC has kicked off our Business Retention Survey project in Marquette county with interviews being set up with 12 businesses once completed and we work out any bugs we will move on to Green Lake County.

There still is an opening on TREDC board for Green Lake representative. This will be on the agenda for next month

REPORT ON THE GREEN LAKE COUNTRY VISITORS BUREAU

Field told Bostelmann that things are going well. Reports are presented monthly now. Kauffeld attended the last meeting and was helpful.

REVIEW STRETEGIC PLAN

The plan was reviewed. *Motion/second(Priske/Egbert)* to accept the plan. Motion carried. The Plan will be reviewed annually in April, prior to the Annual meeting held in May.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bostelmann noted the bank balances:

EDC Checking – \$15,564.20	Housing Funds – \$21,529.43
EAP Housing Grant - \$444.52	EAP Housing Checking – \$19,869.96

Motion/second(Egbert/Priske) to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS – None.

WIND FARM VIDEO – JASON KAUFFELD

The PBS video on wind farms was presented.

SELECT BUSINESSES TO VISIT NEXT MONTH – Keipe Hotel in October

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Kauffeld asked the members to think of recruits for the TCLI.

Kauffeld also mentioned that the Fond du Lac EDC received a grant for \$500,000. Kauffeld will be looking for grants TREDC can apply for.

Werth discussed the Entrepreneurs group he has attended with a professor from Oshkosh. Kauffeld explained that there is a Tri-county inventor's and Entrepreneurs group that meets monthly at the Waushara Courthouse. Discussion was held about possible business incubators for this type of group.

Kauffeld will be leading an energy tour in Fond du Lac on October 8, 2009. If anyone is interested please let him know.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION:

Meeting Dates: October 2nd at 8:30 at the Courthouse

Agenda Items: GLC representative to TRENDS Board, Relocating the downtown county office to County A site, Scholarship for TCLI, Strategic Plan review in April.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Neubauer/Egbert) to adjourn at 10:10 AM. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Marge Bostelmann
Secretary