

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**January 22, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by President, Scott Sommers, at 8:30 AM on Friday, January 22, 2016, Green Lake County Government Center, Conference Room, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting laws were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:        Scott Sommers            Roger Field                    Marge Bostelmann  
                  Harley Reabe                Dave Abendroth                Mary Lou Neubauer  
                  Phil Baranowski

Absent: Steve Sponholtz

Also present: Sheriff Podoll, Jack Meyers, Liane Walsh, Jay Dampier and Tony Daley

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion/second (Reabe/Field)* to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Abendroth/Reabe)* to accept the minutes of November 6, 2015. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Phil Baranowski presented the 2014 Graduation Follow-up Report for the Wisconsin Technical College System. The report provides demographic, employment and salary information. For the past 6 years, the percent of graduates employed within six months is 92%.

**APPEARANCE:**

- Sheriff Podoll, How Traffic Interdictions Impact Tourism:

Sheriff Podoll explained that all vehicles that are stopped are stopped for a violation; stops are not random. The average speed of those stopped near the Highway 23/A/49 intersection during the hours of 2PM to 6PM during the interdiction was 68/MPH in the 45 MPH speed limit area. One car was stopped going over 100 MPH. Drug dogs are called in when there are indications that drug may be present. The Sheriff explained that traffic stops have resulted in the apprehension of drug dealers who have been selling drugs in Green Lake County. Discussion was held. The Board members thanked the Sheriff for his explanation and suggested more publicity and public notification of the purpose and success of the program to help keep Green Lake safe.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jay Dampier presented a brochure for the Community Builders Series. The Series is a cooperative effort between Marquette, Green Lake and Waushara Counties to help individuals learn community and business knowledge and skills. Each of the 9 programs will be presented in each County.

**GLCVB REPORT**

Liane Walsh, Green Lake Area Chamber, Executive Director explained that the GLCVB met yesterday. Linda Ruggeri has moved out of the area but is continuing to work on projects that she started. The Board will be looking for a new Executive Director for the GLCVB. They will be looking for a

go-getter with positive ideas and energy. She also mentioned that the GLCVB will be sponsoring a golf outing on May 16, 2016 as a fund raiser. Members of the GLCVB Board will be attending the Governor's Conference on Tourism. Walsh also updated the EDC Board on the branding and survey projects.

### **REPORT ON TRI-COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Bostelmann presented a report from Wheeler presenting the 2015 "year in review" information.

### **APPOINTMENT OF TREDC BOARD MEMBERS**

Harley Reabe and Dave Abendroth are currently up for reappointment to the TREDC Board.

*Motion/second( Field/Baranowski)* to reappoint Reabe and Abendroth to the TREDC Board. Motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENT TO TREDC RLF COMMITTEE**

Roger field is currently up for reappointment to the TREDC RLF Committee.

*Motion/second( Reabe/Abendroth)* to reappoint Field to the TREDC RLF Committee. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance as of December 31, 2015:

Housing Grant: \$ 28,571.83

EDC Checkbook: \$ 12,789.54

*Motion/second(Abendroth/Reabe)* to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

### **VOUCHERS** – None

### **FILL VACANCY OF BOARD MEMBER**

Linda Ruggeri notified the members of the EDC that Liane Walsh, Executive Director of the Green Lake Area Chamber would like to be a member of the EDC Board. Bostelmann met with Walsh earlier this week and explained what the EDC does and shared the mission statement and strategic plan with her.

*Motion/second(Baranowski/Reabe)* to recommend to Jack Meyers that Liane Walsh be appointed to the EDC Board. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

The Board thanked Jack Meyers for his support during his tenure on the County Board and as Chairman of the County Board. Jack will not be running for County Board Supervisor this year.

**Future Meeting Dates: March 11, 2016 at 8:30.**

**Future Agenda Items for action & discussion:** Review of By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Baranowski/Abendroth)* to adjourn 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Marge Bostelmann, Secretary