

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**June 1, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Roger Field, at 8:30 AM on Friday, June 1, 2012, Green Lake County Government Center, Conference Room #1106, 571 County Board A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting laws were certified as being met.

Present:            Roger Field                    Phil Baranowski            Dave Abendroth            Liz Otto  
                      Mary Lou Neubauer        Harley Reabe                Scott Sommers

Absent: Carla Hargrave, Ken Werth

Also present: Al Shute – LUPZ, Jason Kauffeld – UWEX Agent, Tony Daley, TRED C  
Executive Director Bill Wheeler, Tom Ekvall - ADVOCAP

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion/second (Baranowski/Neubauer )* to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Neubauer/Baranowski )* to accept the minutes of May 4, 2012. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Deputy Clerk Liz Otto read a note thanking the EDC for helping to fund the 2012 Tri County Leadership Initiative. UWEX Agent Jason Kauffeld passed out the annual report from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**APPEARANCES** – Roger Field stated that Al Shute of Land Use Planning and Zoning was in attendance to observe and give input as related to zoning issues. The EDC has requested to be added to the LUPZ agenda as well.

**NEW MEMBER – HARLEY REABE** – Roger Field welcomed new members Harley Reabe as the new county board representative on the EDC and David Abendroth from Markesan who was not in attendance last month.

**ADVOCAP SUPPORT LETTER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

Tom Ekvall, ADVOCAP planner and grant writer, stated that ADVOCAP is requesting a federal grant for Winnebago, Fond du Lac, and Green Lake County to support food industry businesses such as commercial kitchens and home grown markets. *Motion/second (Baranowski/Abendroth)* to approve a letter of support drafted by County Clerk Margaret Bostelmann to be sent to Michael Bonertz, Executive Director of ADVOCAP. Motion carried.

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

Bill Wheeler, executive director of Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (TRED C), gave an update on the regionalization proposals as recommended by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. This would require TRED C to become part of a 10 county group. Possible guidelines were discussed. No formal date has been set for the regionalization.

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Discussion held on the City of Green Lake Economic Development Committee. Jason Kauffeld assisted them with setting up the committee and Bill Wheeler is working with them through TREDC.

Roger Field handed out an outline of the duties and responsibilities of Bill Wheeler to all committee members.

### **APPOINT TREDC BOARD**

*Motion/second (Baranowski/Abendroth)* to appoint Harley Reabe to the TREDC board to replace Margaret Whirry. 5 ayes – 1 abstain (Reabe). Motion carried. Bill Wheeler will contact Ken Werth to determine if he is still interested in serving on the board.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING & BY LAWS**

Discussion regarding the EDC strategic plan led by Jason Kauffeld. He will draft a 2 or 3 page document to be reviewed at the July meeting. Kauffeld also suggested the EDC do a press release a few times per year and speak to the County Board regarding their mission.

Mary Lou Neubauer excused herself from the meeting at 10:15 AM due to a prior commitment.

### **LOAN POLICY CRITERIA**

No discussion

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Account Balances as of May 31, 2012  
EDC account: \$14,152.78  
Housing RLF: \$64,995.86

*Motion/second (Sommers/Abendroth)* to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### **UWEX AGENT REPORT** - None

### **VOUCHERS** – None

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Dates:** July 6, 2012

**Future Agenda Items for action & discussion:** Pledge of Allegiance will be added to future agendas.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Baranowski/Sommers)* to adjourn at 10:30 am. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Liz Otto  
Deputy County clerk