

Economic Development Committee Meeting

November 1, 2010

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on November 1, 2010 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Bob Egan, Ralph Sitzberger, Emil Bakka, Jim Behling, & Ed Bluthardt; others Roger Weber, Hughes net; & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Ken Anderson

The following County Board members were excused: The following County Board members were absent:

Introductions –

Not necessary this month.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Sitzberger, second by Bakka to approve the agenda to be handled in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010 by Bakka, second by Sitzberger. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Economic Development Reports and Updates –

a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation – Egan stated that the VCEDC held final interviews for three candidates for permanent director. The decision will be made after background checks are done. It is the opinion of the VCEDC that if no one from this group is chosen that the process will start over completely. The RFP proposals for internet providers will be presented to the County Board at the January, 2011 meeting. As for as the Angel Network is concerned they are moving along and are getting a list of property owners whose value is \$1,000,000 or more to canvas if they might be interested in being part of the “network”.

b) Grow North – The next meeting will be November 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Eagle River Inn. Since it is Vilas County’s turn to host the meeting, Egan has chosen the speakers – Bill Lochte, Vice-President of the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation, will present an update of the “Corporation’s” progress; and Vilas County Detective Patrick Schmidt will address the drug problems/issues in the County.

c) Other Economic Development Activities – Nothing for this month.

Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills –

The budget update (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the members for their perusal. The following voucher was presented for approval: WI Economic Development Association-\$150.00. **Motion by Bakka, second by Sitzberger to approve the voucher presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Out-of-County Travel –

None for this month

Correspondence and Communications – Weber said that Hughes Net has received a \$60 million stimulus grant and according to the map of Wisconsin done by WPS and Link America Vilas County does not showing up as being eligible for services. Egan will look into the situation.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn at 10:05a.m. by Sitzberger, second by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Minutes reflect the recorder’s notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.
Submitted by: Rosemary Leveille