ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION April 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Scott Sommers at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 25, 2019 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 Mary Lou Neubauer Harley Reabe (3:05) Bob Gintoft Scott Sommers Liz Otto Lindsey Kemnitz Scott Mundro

Also present: Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

RESIGNATION OF ROGER FIELD

Secretary/Treasurer Liz Otto read a resignation letter effective April 10, 2019 submitted by Roger Field. *Motion/second (Mundro/Neubauer)* to accept the resignation and recognize Field for his many years of service to the Economic Development Corporation. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Scott Sommers stated that he has held the office of President since May of 2014 and feels it is time for a change in this position.

Motion/second (Gintoft/Mundro) to nominate Lindsey Kemnitz for President. No other nominations. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion/second (Mundro/Neubauer) to nominate Scott Sommers for Vice President. No other nominations. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Reabe/Neubauer) to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2019 meeting with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> – Secretary/Treasurer read a letter from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration regarding the monitoring review of the CDBG-Housing Revolving Loan Fund which is administered by MSA Professional Services for Green Lake County. The review resulted in no findings or concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit) - none

EDC APPOINTMENT

Harley Reabe stated that he is working on an appointment from the southern end of the county. With Field's resignation he will also need to appoint someone from the northern portion.

GREEN LAKE COUNTRY VISITORS BUREAU (GLCVB) ADVERTISING REPORT

Scott Mundro stated that Tracy Ebert has filled the role of the Princeton Chamber Director. The social

media contract renewal is coming soon and the GLCVB will be staying with the current provider.

TREASURER'S REPORT

County Clerk Liz Otto gave an update on the EDC checking account. The current balance as of March 31, 2019 is \$7,358.30. The housing grant checking account has a balance of \$71,989.02 as of March 31, 2019. *Motion/second (Reabe/Sommers)* to accept the treasurer's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY HOUSING SURVEY

Lindsey Kemnitz provided information on the Marquette County housing survey which was done by Real Estate Dynamics of Madison. She stated that a survey could be done for Green Lake County for approximately \$6,500-\$7,000. Discussion held on the value of a survey and how the results could be used to attract developers to the area. The City of Berlin and City of Green Lake are very interested in this. Kemnitz and Gintoft will provide more information on funding at the next meeting.

HOUSING GRANT AUDIT

This agenda item was covered under correspondence.

GRANTS WISHLIST

Discussion held on various grants including the Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG). Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis. Possible projects and ideas will be discussed next month.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GRANT WRITERS/CONTRACTORS

Specific projects are needed before this can be discussed.

TREDC REPORT

• RLF and Loan File Update

Harley Reabe stated that the last meeting was held in closed session so there is nothing new to report at this time. Mary Lou Neubauer gave an update on the current loans and payment status. She suggested that 2-3 EDC board members go out to see the businesses in Green Lake County to find out how they are doing and if they have any questions or concerns. Discussion held.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Next regular meeting: May 23 @ 3:00 pm

Future Agenda Items for action & discussion: business visit schedule, housing survey update, grants wish list

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Mundro/Sommers) to adjourn at 4:25 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by

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Liz Otto County Clerk