# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION June 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Lindsey Kemnitz at 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 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 Liz Otto Absent: Bob Gintoft
Harley Reabe Lindsey Kemnitz Scott Mundro
Scott Sommers Ron Thiem

Also present: Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal; Carrie Solis, Marquette County Economic Development Coordinator; Ruth Zouski, Waushara County Corporation Counsel

#### **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Sommers/Reabe)* to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting with one correction. All ayes. Motion carried.

# <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> – none

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (3 minute limit) – Carrie Solis, Economic Development Coordinator in Marquette County, introduced herself. Ruth Zouski, Waushara County Corporation Counsel, introduced herself and stated she will be providing an update on TREDC.

## **EDC APPOINTMENT UPDATE**

Lindsey Kemnitz stated she has been talking to a few people and will continue working to get someone on the corporation from the Berlin area.

# GREEN LAKE COUNTRY VISITORS BUREAU (GLCVB) ADVERTISING REPORT

Kemnitz stated that the meeting scheduled for June 19, 2019 was canceled so there was nothing to report.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

County Clerk Liz Otto gave an update on the EDC checking account. The current balance as of May 31, 2019 is \$7,358.92. The housing grant checking account has a balance of \$95,699.21 as of May 31, 2019. Otto stated the housing grant checking account is currently earning an interest rate of .05%. Otto contacted Horicon Bank to see if there were any other higher rate options and is waiting for a reply. Susan Maier of MSA informed Otto that the money can not be tied up in any type of CD, etc. The money must remain available at all times.

Motion/second (Neubauer/Sommers) to accept the treasurer's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION OF COUNTY WIDE ROOM TAX**

County Board Chair Harley Reabe stated that he talked to Corporation Counsel and was told that state statute does not allow for a county wide room tax and that it must be done on a local level. Discussion held. Carrie Solis explained the room tax implemented in Marquette County. Kemnitz will provide the information discussed to the GLCVB at their next meeting.

# **BUSINESS VISIT SCHEDULE** – discussed after the TREDC report

## TREDC REPORT

• RLF and Loan File Update

Mary Lou Neubauer informed the committee of the current loan balances and the TREDC checking account.

Ruth Zouski, Waushara County Corporation Counsel, gave a report on the current TREDC loans. She has looked at all 27 files and gave specific reports on the loans in Green Lake County. Discussion held on the February 2021 deadline for the program closeout as well as the options available to TREDC and the individual counties. Zouski stated she will have a better idea of the firm numbers by late fall.

## **BUSINESS VISIT SCHEDULE**

No visits will be scheduled until the TREDC loans are updated.

# **GRANTS WISHLIST**

Discussion held on various grants as well as the possibility of contracting with an individual or company to provide economic development services.

# **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Next regular meeting: July 26, 2019 @ 8:30 AM

Future Agenda Items for action & discussion: County Board proposal for 2020 budget

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second (Neubauer/Sommers) to adjourn at 4:48 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Liz Otto

County Clerk