

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
May 17, 2013

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, April 5, 2013, Green lake County Government Center, Training Room, 571 County Board A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting laws were certified as being met.

Present: Roger Field Phil Baranowski Marge Bostelmann
 Harley Reabe Mary Lou Neubauer

Absent: Ken Werth, Dave Abendroth and Scott Sommers
Also present: Mike Starshak, Loni Meiborg and Bill Wheeler

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Baranowski/Neubauer) to accept the minutes of April 5, 2013. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: *Motion/Second(Baranowski/Reabe)* to nominate Roger Field for President.
Motion/Second(Bostelmann/Reabe) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roger Field for President. Motion carried.

Vice President: *Motion/second(Reabe/Neubauer)*to nominate Phil Baranowski. Motion carried.

Motion/Second(Reabe/Neubauer) to nominate Phil Baranowski for Vice President, close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Phil Baranowski for Vice-President. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Starshak appeared to discuss the news article regarding the Resale Shop proposed for Green Lake County through the HHS department. He notes several errors in the article he submitted which will be corrected. He read a corrected statement regarding the building for a resale shop. He brought up the concern he has with the proposal and believes the county should not be competing with private business. As Chair of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, Starshak would like to thank the Board for their support and willingness to work with the LUPZ Committee. The Committee is trying to be more consumer friendly.

DISCUSSION WITH CITY OF GREEN LAKE MAYOR AND EDC REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

George King, a member of the City Counsel and a member of the City Economic Development Corporation discussed the direction of the City's EDC. Field is concerned with the State's EDC

and wants to discuss how the County can help. King stated the best thing the County has done is make Bill Wheeler available. The City would like to open another business park but do not want to go into debt at this time. He also said that Berlin, Ripon and Markesan have strong incentives in their business park that Green Lake has to compete with. Housing in the area was discussed. Meiborg stated that she is working the Green Lake EDC and will be developing a profile of the City this fall. Discussion was held.

REPORT ON TRI-COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Wheeler stated that in late April they had another employers meeting at Breakbush. This provided networking with the businesses that attended. Another meeting is scheduled in September. TREDC had a presentation last meeting from SCORE. TREDC is trying to develop a network of mentors in the tri-county area. The RLF has about \$100,000 at this time. He is being encouraged to join the regional EDC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances as of April 30, 2013

EDC account: \$13,997.81

Housing RLF: \$32,148.28

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

UWEX AGENT REPORT – None

VOUCHERS – None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Field brought up points to enhance the EDC. He would like to see local and county EDCs working together. He stated that the GLCVB will no longer be able to have an income from the health insures sold to members. Because they do not have the revenue source anymore there is a concern that they will not be able to function. Fields is concerned with the loss of tourism in the County if the GLCVB has to disband. Field believes the County through the GLCEDC should investigate how to provide additional support to the GLCVB. Baranowski would like this as an agenda item for the next meeting with specific information sent out in advance. Amy Moore will also be asked to attend.

Future Meeting Dates: June 7th at 8:30.

Future Agenda Items for action & discussion: City of Berlin EDC, Status report on GLCVB and discussion of possible support by the EDC

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Baranowski/Reabe) to adjourn at 10:10 am. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Marge Bostelmann
Secretary