ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

May 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Scott Mundro at 8:30 AM on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via remote access. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Scott Mundro Absent: Ron Thiem Scott Sommers Lisa Meier

Mary Neubauer Harley Reabe Sara Rutkowski Liz Otto, Secretary

Also Present: Tim Ludolph, City of Berlin (remote); Keri Solis, Marquette County EDC Coordinator

MINUTES

Motion/second (Neubauer/Rutkowski) to approve the minutes of the 02/16/2023 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Ron Thiem and Scott Sommers are both due for reappointment. County Clerk Liz Otto will reach out to Thiem to find out if he interested in another term. Sommers will determine his interest pending the outcome of our meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WIND ENERGY

Scott Mundro received communication from Steelhead to lease land for wind energy. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Rutkowski/Neubauer)* to refer this request to the Land Use Planning and Zoning Director in Green Lake County. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTINGENCY FUND

Discussion held on the \$40,000 that has been budgeted in the contingency fund for EDC use. The County Administrator will be contacted to determine if the funds are still available.

DISCUSSION ON COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX

Discussion held on the half percent sales tax imposed by Green Lake County. Currently there are restrictions for use of that tax to fund the building of or improvements to existing county buildings.

DISCUSSION EDC PURPOSE/AUTHORITY/ABILITY

Sara Rutkowski and Mary Neubauer will set up a meeting with County Administrator Cate Wylie to determine future plans for EDC.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EDC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

See agenda item above.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISSOLVING EDC

See agenda item above.

EDC CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Scott Mundro had nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Harley Reabe stated that the Finance Committee is currently working on acquiring AED defibrillators for public buildings throughout the county with the use of ARPA funds.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Liz Otto reported a balance of \$87,174.59 in the housing grant checking account as of 04/30/2023. *Motion/second (Rutkowski/Neubauer)* to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried with no negative vote.

GLCVB UPDATE

Scott Mundro stated that the GLCVB met yesterday. They will be working on creating a fall/winter sports map similar to the one they recently did for spring/summer since that has been well received.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EDC BY-LAWS AND ANNUAL MEETING

County Clerk Liz Otto stated she will work on this after the future of the EDC is determined.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Updates given on upcoming area events. Keri Solis of Marquette County provided input on a survey she distributed in that county regarding remote work and it's impact on the area.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Next regular meeting: June 22, 2023 @ 8;30 AM Future Agenda Items for action & discussion:

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Mundro adjourned the meeting at 9:41 AM

Submitted by Liz Otto
Liz Otto
County Clerk