

TRI-COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

Minutes of the January 15, 2010 Tri-County Regional Economic Development Corporation.

At 9:30 a.m. President Erdman called the meeting to order.

Present: Deb Behringer, Randall Melzer, Larry Gohlke, Bill Wheeler, Helena Waala, Arden Bandt, Jim Erdman, Paul Calamari, Jody Jansen, Veronica Rayer, Mary Lou Neubauer, Marge Bostelman, Jim Blaszczyk, Linda Freudenthal, Tom Jensen, Judy Downie, Russ Nero, Brent Miller, Patrick Nehring.

Agenda: Items added to the agenda included internet banking resolution, 2010 goals

Approval of Minutes of prior meeting. A motion was made by Larry Gohlke, seconded by Arden Bandt, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Motion carried.

Wautoma Welcome Mayor Jim Blaszczyk. Mayor Jim Blaszczyk informed the Board members that he is resigning as Mayor. Helena Waala will finish out the term. Mayor Blaszczyk commented on the activities of the Economic Development Corporation.

SCORE presentation. Randall Melzer from the Fox Cities Chapter explained the SCORE program. Retired executives are available to help small business with no-fee management counseling. SCORE also puts on a variety of workshops. There are over 10,500 volunteers nationwide that are available to help with this service. SCORE is looking for contacts in the Waushara, Green Lake and Marquette Counties area.

Veronica Royer introduced herself and handed out a brochure about Cooperative Care.

Executive Director's Report -2009 Year in Review. Bill Wheeler distributed a project report and provided information on activities.

President Report. President Erdman asked Bill about glimmers of hope in the economy. Bill explained that credit is still difficult to obtain. The three counties have never experienced a strong industrial capacity.

Treasurer's Report. Larry Gohlke stated that he is currently looking for competitive CD's.

Tri-County Tourism. Judy Downie and Paul Calamari described the cost arrangement with the three counties. The Twin Cities show begins today.

County EDC Update. Marquette is currently completing their survey. Waushara needs to fill positions.

UW-Ext. There were 6-18 attendees during the Small Business Development series. Waushara County Food Connections is undertaking surveys and will develop a resource for related businesses and residents.

Old Business. None

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New Business. Internet Banking Resolution. A motion was made by Larry Gohlke, seconded by Arden Bandt, to adopt the Baraboo National Bank Commercial Internet Banking Resolution. Motion carried. This allows Larry and Bill the ability to go online and check accounts.

2010 Goals. Tom Jensen explained that he would like more detail on the focus of this organization. How does it measure performance? The Committee agreed to spend more time on this at an upcoming meeting.

The Executive Committee will meet February 19. The full board will meet on March 12.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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