

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

Minutes of the Tuesday, November 15, 2011 Economic Development Corporation meeting.

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Bandt called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arden Bandt, Helena Waala, Jim Trzinski, Dick Kalata, Joe Farago, Terry Lippert, Rochelle Towne, Larry Timm, Mary Lou Neubauer, John Prindle,

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Nehring, Bill Wheeler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Joe Farago, 2nd by Larry Timm to approved the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jim Trzinski, 2nd by Terry Lippert to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Available Properties: There are several properties available, JBP Printing, Pine Ridge, and a dairy facility south of Berlin were specifically noted. The info can be shared with Bill or Patrick as they become available

Tri-County Economic Development Corp.: Bill Wheelers reported there were 59 attendees at the summit, which focused on manufacturing. He has received good feedback and will be talking about establishment of a manufacturers council in 2012. This topic was mentioned at the summit and also on the surveys taken throughout the year.

Also discussed was his intent to work with high schools and tech schools on a youth training venture for job readiness in 2012. This also was brought up during round table discussion at the summit.

Waushara County Chamber: Jim Trzinski reported on November 29th, the Chamber is sponsoring a listening session at the WWII building with the topic on the States Economic Development representative Brenda Hicks Sorensen. All are invited to attend.

There is a Business After 5 in Hancock today at the Walker House.

November 26th is Wautoma and Coloma's Christmas parade. He also mentioned the Hometown Christmas performance at the PAC.

Waushara County Tourism: Meeting is November 29th to look at the applications seeking event sponsorship. There is about \$31,000 to allocate.

The TCTA is looking to do 4 travel shows. More information can be obtained at:
Discovercentralwisconsin.com

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UW-Extension: There is a tour of the Foundation Library at Stevens Point on December 2nd. Contact the extension office as they are taking a bus. Tour is 1:30 to 5:30. The Library provides information on state and private money available through foundations.

Nehring also commented that the TCTA and Business Development Center will be conducting a survey on why tourists come to this area in the winter.

OLD BUSINESS: County approved funds to go to the Tri-County fund. Timm indicated there also is \$1500 in the budget for WEDC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A There is the need for two individuals to serve on the EDC board as Bandt and Kalata have reached their term limits as County appointees. Arden mentioned two names of individuals for consideration, Fred Erickson of Coloma, and Judie Downie of Wautoma.
- B. Annual meeting will be January 10th, held at the Wautoma Airport. There will also be election of officers at this meeting. Phil Florek of the Angel Investment Group will be the speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 on a motion by Kalata, 2nd by Timm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Neubauer & Patrick Nehring