

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on Feb. 2, 2009 in conference room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Bob Egan, Ralph Sitzberger, Emil Bakka, Charles Rayala, Jim Behling, & Steve Favorite; others Kelly Haverkamp, Sally Cutler, Ron Ritzer, Roger Weber, Bill Lochte, & Rosemary Leveille
Media present: Ken Anderson, & Eric Johnson
The following County Board members were excused:
The following County Board members were absent:

Agenda item # 2: Introductions – Everyone introduced themselves.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Rayala, second by Sitzberger to approve the agenda to be handled in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2009 for Economic Development meeting by Sitzberger, second by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Agenda item # 5: Guest Presentation – Sally Cutler, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board – Cutler distributed and discussed a Vilas County Snapshot and a power point presentation on North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board [NCWWDB] (on file in the Economic Development office). She stated that the NCWWDB is a Nine-County Legislated entity overseen by Local elected officials. Cutler also announced that Workforce Development would help or assist the county at any time with anything that is in their area.

Agenda item # 7: Guest Speaker – Ron Ritzer, an architectural design-build contractor, described what a “Senior CoHousing Community” is and how it comes about. He also distributed an article from the Lakeland Times, and an excerpt from the “SENIOR COHOUSING, a Community Approach to Independent Living” book by Charles Durrett to the committee (both on file in the Economic Development office).

Agenda item #6: Economic Development Reports and updates - **A)** Committee strategies for 2008 – Haverkamp discussed her written report (on file in the Economic Development office) and highlighted that she has been asked by the Land and Water Conservation Department to work with them on the Land and Water Five-Year Plan to assist with the economic section of the plan; **B)** Grow North – Egan stated that the March 11th meeting will be at noon here in Vilas County at the Eagle River Inn, with Mr. Lienkugel, Secretary of Commerce. The content of his presentation will be on grant and funding for our area; **C)** other Economic Development Activities – Broadband Advisory Sub Committee gave their report of their first meeting. A draft questionnaire for distribution to possible vendors of internet services was shown to the committee, after discussion it was decided that several items need review and the approval of Milanowski, Vilas County Corporation Counsel and brought back to the sub-committee before final approval by the Economic Development Committee for mailing. Sitzberger received a newsletter from Rep. Dan Meyer which he passed on to the committee and gave the information on how to receive it by e-mail to them.

Agenda Item # 8: Budget/Approval of Bills – Leveille provided an updated budget to the committee. There were no bills for the month.

Agenda item # 9: Out-of County Travel – None for this month.

Agenda item # 10: Correspondence and Communications - Rayala made the comment that everyone is depending on the government and was glad to see that Vilas County is standing on their own. Matt Schreiber should be on the agenda for next month to start with the implementation of the NCWRPC strategy for Vilas County Economic Development. Haverkamp was asked to set the agenda for the upcoming meeting with the Town of Manitowish Waters.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Rayala, second by Sitzberger to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.
Submitted by: Rosemary Leveille