

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on April 6, 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, & others Kelly Haverkamp, Roger Weber, Bill Lochte, Jeff Collins, & Rosemary Leveille

Media present:

The following County Board members were excused: Jim Behling

The following County Board members were absent:

Agenda item # 2: Introductions – Not necessary this month.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Rayala, second by Bakka 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 March 2, 2009 for Economic Development meeting by Sitzberger, second by Rayala. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Agenda item # 5: Economic Development Reports and updates – A copy of the Vilas Vision for Vitality Strategies Progress Report (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the committee. **A)** Committee strategies for 2009 – Economic Development Corporation will be addressed at the next meeting since Behling was unable to attend the meeting; **B)** Grow North – Egan stated that he and Collins, Sonic Net, attended a meeting with Public Service Commission and did not find any definitive answers on broadband or economic stimulus money from the government. Also, Grow North is now approaching the subject in another way by having all school administrators send letters concerning broadband and education shortfalls. It was mentioned that the medical field also needs to send letters concerning telemedicine; **C)** other Economic Development Activities – i) Broadband – Sitzberger gave Collins some contact information about possible action and loans to help with Broadband. The question of sending out a “Request for Information” (RFI) survey to help gather information from all of the internet companies in the area will be addressed at the next meeting after a consultation with Vilas County Corporation Counsel; ii) Haverkamp handed out copies of bulletins and flyers for the following: The Economic Impact of Wisconsin’s Hospitals, Economic Package from Workforce Development Board, 2009 summer Youth Employment Program, and Youth Work/Training Site and Project Application (all on file in the UWEX office).

Agenda item # 6: Budget/Approval of Bills – Leveille provided an updated budget to the committee.

Agenda Item # 7: Out-of-County Travel – **A motion by Bakka second by Sitzberger to approve Haverkamp to go to Crandon for an informational meeting on Economic Stimulus Monies. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Agenda item # 8: Correspondence and Communications – A flyer from WEDA for their Spring Regional Meeting (on file in the UWEX office) was given to everyone.

Future Meeting Dates/Items: The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Rayala, second by Bakka to adjourn at 10:00a.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