

Egan called to order the meeting of the Economic Development Committee at 9:00 a.m., on December 7, 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; others Kelly Haverkamp, Bill Lochte, Jeff Collins, & Rosemary Leveille

Media present:

The following County Board members were excused:

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 November 3, 2009 by Sitzberger, second by Bakka. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item #5:** - Review of Committee Standing Rules – **Motion by Bakka, second by Sitzberger to keep the standing rules as they are stated now. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item #6:** Economic Development Reports and Updates – a) Vilas County Economic Development Corporation – Haverkamp announced the Economic Development Corporation board has been seated and the first meeting will be January 5, 2010 at the Eagle River Inn. b) Committee strategies for 2009 – a compilation of 2009 economic development committee accomplishments (on file in the UWEX office) was given to the committee members and discussed. c) Grow North – Egan stated that the stimulus money for broadband development is looking hopeful. A \$5,000 grant for promotion of economic development in the Grow North 5 county area is being sought after also. The committee was told that the Entrepreneur and Inventors of the Northwoods Club will be having their annual trade show on February 10, 2010. Haverkamp stated that the ERRP Northwoods Entrepreneurial Boot Camp was a success again this year. There were 11 participants and the reviews were very good. This group has also formed a group and is scheduled to meet twice a month. d) Governor's Northern Economic Development Summit - Bakka stated that the conference was very good and informative. He highlighted some of the items that took place at the conference: broadband is a necessity now; stimulus money is not a cure all; the more people in the community involved in projects the better; and community philanthropists are better to donate money instead of statues and the like so the money can be used to benefit the community now and in the future. e) other Economic Development Activities – Egan stated that the Pellet Manufacturing business is on track for the revolving loan start-up and should be up and running by approximately the fall of 2010.

**Agenda item #7:** - Economic Development Budget/Approval of Bills – Leveille presented an updated budget report and the following vouchers: Eagle River Inn and Resort-\$180.00; Lakeland Printing Co., Inc.-\$143.18; Kathleen Haverkamp-\$97.90; WEDA-\$150.00; and Grow North-\$100.00. **Motion by Rayala, second by Bakka to approve the budget report and the vouchers as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Egan will go the Finance Committee to ask for the 2009 budget to be carried over to 2010.

**Agenda item # 8:** Out-of-County Travel – None for this month.

**Agenda Item # 9:** Correspondence and Communications – A flyer on the WEDA conference for February was given to the committee. Egan received and read a thank you note from the ERRP for the committee's monetary support towards the Northwoods Entrepreneurial Boot Camp (on file in the UWEX office).

**Future Meeting Dates/Items:** The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2010; at 9:00 a.m. Haverkamp noted that this is a mandatory furlough day for UW employees so she will not be in attendance.

**Adjournment: Motion by Sitzberger, second by Rayala to adjourn at 10:40 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