

Buffalo County Minutes  
Committee/Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018 Chair Mary Anne McMillan Urell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Buffalo County 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room

Board Members Present: Mr. David Danzinger (via phone), Mr. James Ziegeweid, Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. Don Black, Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell, and Ms. Nettie Rosenow. Mr. Douglas Kane joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. David Schmidt, Ms. Sonya Hansen.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Minutes: Mr. Ziegeweid made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding an Update on CDBG-Revolving Loan Fund Committee: Mr. Schmidt has worked with Mr. Jost and County Attorney Representative Jon Seifert to finalize the contract agreement with Together Farms. The Revolving Loan Committee earlier today passed a motion to approve the loan and set closing.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Update of Broadband (State of Wisconsin Grant Program): We still await a response from the State of Wisconsin Broadband Forward Grants. We will have a meeting in April to discuss.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Buffalo County Tourism Brochure: The subcommittee of Chair Mary Anne McMillan, Ms. Goodman and Ms. Hansen met and determined that the next printing would be for 15,000 and would be planned to be ready for the 2018 season.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a UW Eau Claire Update: Ms. Hansen informed the committee that Chairman Kane and Professor Thomas Kemp have agreed that the march 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting would work for the students to attend and interact with the County Board.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Economic Development Coordinator Report: Mr. Schmidt met with the Fly Way Trail group. The Committee was updated on the current funding plan for the Fly Way Committee utilizing Crescendo Fundraising Professionals, LLC from Houston, MN to generate "Matching Funds" to fund future grant applications requiring match. There was much discussion concerning this effort.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Chairperson's Report: None. Public Comments: None.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Adjournment: Ms. McMillan Urell called for adjournment at 3:30 p.m.