

Buffalo County Minutes
Committee/Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 26th, 2018 Chair David Danzinger called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Buffalo County 2nd Floor Board Room

Board Members Present: Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. James Ziegeweid, Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell, and Ms. Nettie Rosenow.

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

Excused: Mr. Don Black

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 the Buffalo County Tourism Brochure: The subcommittee determined that the next printing would be for 15,000 and would be planned to be ready for the 2018 season. Ms. Goodman shared with the Committee the proposed brochure page by page using the projection system. As she went through the materials she also provided the Committee with the list of advertisers and the costs for their materials. It was noted that Monarch Pub still needed to pay the 2017 ad costs and that they would be billed for both prior to inclusion in the 2018 brochure. It was noted by all the appreciation for the excellent effort on Ms. Goodman's part to make this happen.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding an Update on CDBG-Revolving Loan Fund Committee: The Revolving Loan Committee closed the first loan with Together Farms for the purchase and operation of a food trailer in Buffalo County. The trailer was expected in the next few weeks. David Schmidt has filed the necessary UCI forms to protect the county with the property offered as collateral.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Update of Broadband (State of Wisconsin Grant Program): The Buffalo County application for the State of Wisconsin Broadband Forward Grants was ranked number 1. It was noted during the states discussion that the investment from County, Local and private funding was the unique and played a significant part in the approval of the funding. This nearly \$400,000 grant will generate over \$1.200,000 in invest for Buffalo County. Gina Tomlinson and David Schmidt intend to submit for additional funding in the second round of applications due in July.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a UW Eau Claire Update: Professor Thomas Kemp and the Students met with the entire County Board on March 26th to present their current findings.

There was some discussion about the need to have the students interact more with the county during this process and directed David Schmidt to see if this could be accomplished prior to the end of the semester.

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

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be May 17th at 2:00 p.m. Adjournment: Mr. David Danzinger called for adjournment at 3:50 p.m.