

Buffalo County Minutes  
Committee/Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Chair Nettie Rosenow called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Buffalo County 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room.

Board Members Present: James Ziegeweid, Don Black and Nettie Rosenow, and David Danzinger (by phone).

Others Present: Sonya Hansen, David Schmidt, Mary Campbell, Eric Barnard, and Ross Greedy.

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 ~ Entrepreneurism - Reality Check Entrepreneurship Planning Discussion with Mary Campbell Wood, M.S., Professor, Department of Family Development. She spent time discussing the benefits of the program which many of those in attendance have participated in over the years. Don Black shared his experience with the program as a very positive way to interact with the students. There was discussion around the challenges of expanding the program based on funding and timing.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Buffalo County Rock Climbing Discussion with Eric Barnard and Ross Greedy. Eric and Ross introduced themselves to the committee and described the different ways that they believe the project could be accomplished. The group discussed the location of the potential sites which Mr. Ziegeweid indicated he knew the property owners and could make introductions. Eric and Ross described the potential funding available to either secure an easement and or purchase the property. The committee learned the area is very unique to the Midwest and would likely draw participants from several nearby states.

Review/ Update on Winona Connector Project –Megan Beer-Pemberton I Real Estate Specialist is our contact working on the property transactions. Staff still intends on filling for the additional funds with the Federal Government to complete this section of the trail.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband update – HBCI is close to completing the base mapping necessary to move this project forward. A meeting has been set for March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be March 5th at 2:00 p.m. Adjournment: Chair Nettie Rosenow called for adjournment at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Schmidt  
Economic Development Coordinator