

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday May 20, 2021

Chair Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Buffalo County Courthouse, County Board Room in Alma, Wisconsin.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht, Mr. Thomas Taylor (Excused) and Ms. LeeAnne Bulman (Excused).

**Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting:** Mr. Steve Schiffli, Ms. Sonya Hansen

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** There were no public comments.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Mr. Danzinger to approve the minutes of May 5, 2021, seconded by Mr. Schmidtkecht. Motion carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Great River State Trail – Winona Connector (PH-II) (GRST-WC) Request for Proposal, Initial Selection Process–** Buffalo County is utilizing the qualification-based selection process for its GRST-WC survey and engineering applicants. Mr. Schiffli passed out qualification/proposal packets from four responding firms. An evaluation and ranking packet was explained and Mr. Schiffli answered question on conversations with he had with the firms. The committee reviewed and ranked the firms. Mr. Schiffli tabulated the results from the members, SEH and MSA were selected to be interviewed.

The interview and negotiation process are set for June 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the County Board Room.

A subcommittee was selected by the Chair to handle the negotiation process. Tentatively those members are Mr. Weiss, Mr. Danzinger, and the Highway Commissioner Bob Platteter (tentative).

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Farm Technology Day-** Mr. Schiffli will be present for the three days. Business promotion will be the objective. Mr. Schiffli will reach out to businesses to see if they want to provide brochures.

**Review/Discussion ~ Department Managers Report –** Mr. Schiffli advised the committee of upcoming training in his veteran service officer role over the next three weeks and his availability.

**Review/Discussion ~ Chairperson Report –** Mr. Weiss had no report.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next Meeting Date and Time is TBD.** A subcommittee meeting for contracting will be held June 15, 2021, at 1:00 pm. Agenda item(s) to include bid proposals for the Great River State Trail-Winona Connector Phase II and Farm Tech Days.

Motion by Mr. Danzinger and seconded by Mr. Schmidtkecht to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen S. Schiffli, Economic Development Manager