

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020

Chair Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m. at the Town of Buffalo – Town Hall located in Fountain City, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present: Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht, Mr. Thomas Taylor and Ms. LeeAnne Bulman.

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

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

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Mr. Thomas Taylor corrected the date of the meeting to July 19th and the reference in the minutes to Ms. Weiss to Mr. Weiss. A motion was made by Mr. David Danzinger seconded by Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht to approve the minutes as amended. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Proposal from Ducks Unlimited: Mr. David Schmidt informed the members that he has not received a response back from this group and that no action is required at this time.

Review/Discussion/Action – Update from Broadband Committee: Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht reported that he had followed up with the use of existing current provider utility poles for broadband access. He indicated that the challenge was current easement agreements did not allow multi-use. Current easements are for single use only. He stated that he understood future legislative sessions were going to be discussing changes to make the use of current infrastructure more attractive to existing providers for adding additional services. Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht indicated that he would like to see support for broadband expansion funding and to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Review/Discussion/Action – Design Charges for Tourism 2020 Tourism Brochure: Ms. Sonya Hansen indicated that she received a bill for the design charges from Vicki Stark at Evans-Stark Design for her work on the 2020 Buffalo County Travel & Visitor Guide. She indicated that the work completed updated the businesses in the directory and business advertising for the digital version which is now available on the County website. She indicated that Ms. Katherine Goodman feels that the design expense for the 2021 Travel & Visitor Guide should be minimal. A motion was made by Mr. David Danzinger seconded by Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht to approve the payment for the design work on the digital brochure. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Report: The Chair indicated he had no additional information to share at this time.

Economic Development Coordinator Report: Mr. David Schmidt indicated that to move forward with collaborative efforts with other counties would require input and support from the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda: There were no public comments.

Review/Discussion/Action – Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th at 8:00 a.m. at the Buffalo County Courthouse in Alma, Wisconsin.

Mr. Thomas Taylor made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. LeeAnn Bulman at 3:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen, Recording Secretary