

**Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
March 10, 2010**



Meeting called to order at 8:36 a.m.

Board members present: Supervisors Carol Ward Knox and Augie Tietz, Mayor Ron Krueger – Watertown, John Wilmet – Fort Atkinson, Steve Wilke – Lake Mills, Tim Freitag – Jefferson

Others Present:, Susan Dascenzo– Watertown Main Street Program, Kim Erdmann – Watertown Chamber of Commerce, Professor Steve Grabow, Catherine Kleiber, Vivian Kuss – WE Energies, Lynn Forseth – MATC ,Mary Nimm – City of Whitewater, JCEDC Executive Director Dennis Heling and Administrative Assistant RoxAnne Witte.

Absent: Bill Dovi – Waterloo

Citizen Comments

Minutes

Tietz/Wilmet moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Executive Directors Report

D Heling distributed his monthly written report to the board of directors.

Ward Knox/Wilke moved to accept the Executive Directors Report as printed. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Tietz/Dovi moved to approve the February 28, 2010 Financial Report and the December 31, 2009 Final Year to Date Financials as submitted. Motion carried.

Glacial Heritage Area Implementation Discussion

Professor Grabow updated the board on the Glacial Heritage Area Project. A part time person has been hired by the DNR to work on the project. Jefferson County Parks Department will be the county liaison for the Glacial Heritage Area Project.

A Tietz informed the Board that the Glacial Heritage Area Water trails maps are available and will be handed out at Canoacopia on March 12-14th.

Decide on schedule for future Committee Reports

It was the consensus of the board that the following committee reports will rotate on a quarterly basis – Comprehensive Plan, Tourism, and Sustainable Development. Glacial Heritage Area, Transportation Issues, and Business Development, Retention and Attraction will be a monthly report. Complete County Committee – 2010 Census and Flood Recovery will continue on an as needed basis.

Update on NR151 – Run-off Management Practices

Mayor Krueger and J Wilmet updated the board on the hearings that were held in Madison. The board felt that this is a topic that will need to be followed due the huge amount of opposition and will be put on future agendas as needed.

Update on new rules and regulations regarding sale of local produce to restaurants/schools

This item will be put on April Agenda for further discussion.

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Committee Reports

Complete Count

D Heling informed the board that staff will be attending the Kids Fair in Fort Atkinson on March 13th to promote the census. The board was also reminded to update JCEDC on any activities in their communities that relate to the census.

Comprehensive Plan

Professor Grabow informed the board that the County Board approved a contract with Vandewalle & Associates to do a supplement on Farmland Preservation.

Tourism

D Heling reported to the board that the 2010 visitors guide is at the printer and will be handed out at the upcoming Governor's Conference on Tourism.

Sustainable Development

No report

Transportation Issues

1. Mayor Krueger updated the board on the recent meetings he has attending regarding rail issues as they relate to Jefferson County.
2. A Tietz reported that the Highway 26 Bypass is on schedule and work continues.

Flood Recovery

1. D Heling reported that the project for Van Holten Pickles in Waterloo has been forwarded to Jefferson County Board for their approval.
2. Amended application – D Heling reported that the LIDAR portion of the application was denied, but no word has been received on the balance of the application.

Business Development, Retention and Attraction

1. D Heling reported that inquiries to the office are up. We are receiving a lot of calls for space, workers, and start up information.
2. K Erdmann updated the board on the workshops that the chambers of commerce and MATC are hosting on Contracting with the Federal Government.

Future Agenda Items

1. Update on new rules and regulations regarding sale of local produce to restaurants/schools

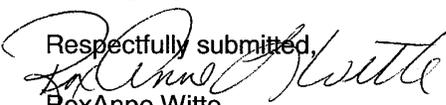
Upcoming Meetings

JCEDC Board of Directors, April 14, 2010, 864 Collins Rd, Suite 12, Jefferson, WI

Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration Tietz/Krueger motion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,


RoxAnne Witte

Recording Secretary