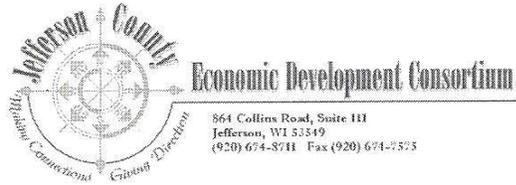


**Jefferson County Economic Development
Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2011**



Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Board members present: Supervisors, Mary Delany, Jim Schroeder, Ron Krueger-Watertown, John Wilmet-Fort Atkinson, Bill Dovi-Waterloo, Steve Wilke—Lake Mills,

Others Present: Supervisor Greg David, Supervisor Amy Rinard, Joe Nehmer, James Romlein, Catherine Kleiber, Professor Steve Grabow, Lynn Forsyth, JCEDC Executive Director Dennis Heling and Administrative Assistant RoxAnne Witte.

Certification of compliance with Open Meeting Law Requirements

D. Heling certified compliance for the agenda dated July 13, 2011.

Minutes

Schroeder/Delaney moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2011, as presented.

Motion carried.

Jefferson County Backbone Network Infrastructure Presentation

At the recommendation of the Broadband Committee, J. Romlein presented his plan to create a Backbone Network for Jefferson County. Discussion was held on what research was needed to determine whether we are ready to proceed with this project, whether there were alternate plans available and what funding would be available to pay for the project.

Jefferson County Sustainability Task Force Workshop

It was the decision of the board to hold the workshop at the August 10th meeting.

Executive Directors Report

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

Finance Report

June 30, 2011 financials were presented to the board.

Committee Reports

Broadband

Supervisor Rinard and L. Forseth updated the board on discussion held at the June 30, 2011 committee meeting. One project that they are looking into is to find out what fiber optics currently exists in Jefferson County and what its limits are.

Comprehensive Plan

Professor Grabow and D. Heling updated the board on the meetings that have been held in Johnson Creek, Lake Mills and Watertown. Similar meeting will be held in Fort Atkinson and Jefferson in the upcoming weeks. They did report that once all the meetings have been completed, they are looking at holding a summit to report on how each community plans to implement the plan in their particular community.

Transportation Issues

Discussion was held on the need for countywide transportation plan.

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Business Development – Retention-Attraction

The following businesses will be locating or expanding in Jefferson County –

- Fiberdome in Lake Mills is looking at expanding their current facility
- Clausen Custom Coatings in Watertown will be expanding their current facility
- Watertown Lamps USA will be locating a facility in Watertown
- Battery Professionals is looking to locate their facility at Sanctuary Ridge in Jefferson
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Glacial Heritage Area

J. Nehmer updated the board on the following:

1. Bike paths that are currently being updated in Jefferson County through the funding efforts of various communities and businesses.
2. Negotiations with WE Energies continue on the Inter Urban Bike Path.
3. Committee is looking into different funding venues that may be available for the bike paths now that DNR funds are being limited.
4. All board members were invited to the presentation that Greg Farnham will be giving to the Parks Committee in August on the Rock River Trail Initiative – Illinois and Wisconsin

Future Agenda Items

1. Jefferson County Sustainability Task Force Workshop
2. Presentation on Low RF Project
3. Possible Resolution on Parks Initiative

Upcoming Meetings

*JCEDC Board of Directors, August 10, 2011, 8:30 am, UW Extension/Workforce Develop Building, Rm 12.

*Rock River Trail Initiative Presentation, August 1, 2011, 1 pm Jefferson County Parks Committee Meeting
Rm 202 at the Courthouse

*Presentation on Bike Plan Update, July 13, 2011, 6 pm in Whitewater

Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, motion by Dovi/Krueger to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted,


Roxanne L. Witte
Recording Secretary