

BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Monthly Board Meeting Announcement

February 8 2023, 2022 8:00 AM

Sterling Bank - Chetek

427 2nd Street, Chetek, WI 54728

Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85071950569?pwd=bGk0Yi9HZ3UzTEtFYVVtVmNEUIVzdz09>

February 2023 Minutes

Attendance:

Jennifer Beaudette, Bruce Markgren-remote, Rod Nordby, Kathy Krug, Larry Loverude, BJ Williams, Jim Metcalf, Tim Gerber-remote, Jeremy Miller, Diane Trembly, Dana Heller, Karrie Stanford, Domenico Fornaro, Adam Skinner-remote, Executive Director Dave Armstrong

Absent:

Mike Dierks,

Guests:

Louie Okey

1. Call Meeting to Order at 8am by Jennifer Beaudette
2. Public Appearances/Comments-None
3. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting..Dana/Larry motion to approve-approved
4. Treasurers Report by Bruce Markgren..motion to approve..Dana/Jim-approved
5. Website update-Dave..Brandi editing Tourism..Dave updating ED..should have both up by end of February
6. Approve marketing proposal from Koser Media Group-TABLED until March meeting
7. Report From The Executive Director on Recent Activity
 - a. Fundraising update – invoices out to County and Cities
 - b. Mayor/City Meetings – Ongoing....Cumberland and Rice Lake-Housing/childcare in Cumberland
 - c. Start ups
 - i. 5 in process - slowing
 - ii. Amish Update – All doing fine
 - d. Business Intelligence – No activity.....waiting on state updates
 - e. Mfg. Relocations, Expansions updateRice Lake/Cumberland active.
 - i. Business expansions, Business purchases – ongoing
 - f. Workforce Initiatives..DWD..workforce and childcare are the primary issues.
 - i. Applying for Workforce grants
 - g. Alcatraz update – Discussions ongoing with DNR
 - h. Housing update
 - i. Developer Activity – Updates to discuss....looking at sites in Barron and Cumberland....possible project involving 200 (starter) homes near Rice Lake
 - ii. Multifamily activity – all cities – will discuss
 - i. Turtle Lake/Polk County Project – ongoing ..activity is picking up
 - j. Childcare Updates – Ann Street Schoolready for bids. (125 capacity) Annexation proceeding near Rice Lake (Need more detail) 1 Business (Cumberland area) has reached

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out regarding child care facilities....Multiple Housing Legislative Bills likely coming from the State of WI

- k. Placemaking – save the dates have been sent out
 - l. Questions....none
8. Rice Lake Tourism Commission Contract signed and work has begun..
 9. Assistance request – North Country Cooperative Foundation – handouts at meeting. Bills to be paid (see below)
 10. Board member comments/questions? HON Leg Day was great, well attended.
 11. Bills to be paid – North County Cooperative - \$500.00
 12. 2023 Budget....Proposal delivered by Bruce Markgren... Motion to approve...Dana/Fornano approved by Board.
 13. RBF Update
 14. Jennifer passed out the Barron County Employee Performance Evaluation form. We will use this form for evaluating Dave; and for Dave evaluating Brandi. This will enable uniformity for our evaluations. This form will go out to the Board in October for the annual evaluations. County Administrator Jeff French will be involved in the process as well.
 15. Chetek update providing by Jim Metcalf. 40 acres secured west of High School....Development should happen within 2 years. School is considering new baseball and softball field. Old ballfield will be sold for development. County will be updating the dam. Old WW plant will be transitioned (near old plant) to a green space....after new WW treatment plant is built.
 16. Adjourned at 8:51

PLEASE CALL 715-637-6871 IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND

cc: Metcalf, Rasmussen, Skinner, Markgren, Krug, Williams, Diercks, Loverude, Gerber, Fornaro, Trembly, Baudette, Miller, Williams, County Administrator, Corporation Counsel, Co. Clerk, Webmaster & Public Postings

Dave Armstrong is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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