

BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 12th 2023, 2022 8:00 AM

April Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Williams, Heller, Diercks, Markgren, Fornaro, Trembley, Neumann, Loverude, Stanford, Skinner, Miller, Krug, Beaudette, Okey, Armstrong.

Absent:

Hodek, Metcalf, Nordby, Gerber, Fonfara

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Appearances/Comments
3. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting-Motion by Bruce/Dana to approve...minutes approved.
4. Treasurers Report..Diane/Larry motion...approved
5. Report From The Executive Director on Recent Activity
 - a. Fundraising update..contributions coming in from Cities and businesses
 - b. Mayor/City Meetings – Multifamily Developer Meetings w/Cumberland and Barron - Several projects proposed
 - c. Start ups
 - i. 8 in process..all are small business start-ups....likely 7/8 will go
 - ii. Amish Update – All doing fine
 - d. Mfg. Relocations, Expansions update
 - i. Business expansions, Business purchases – ongoing
 - e. Workforce Initiatives-meeting on child care issues/opportunities-“Child care counts” funding from the Feds..program coming to an end...need exists to backfill this funding source...WI bill pending using business funding for a portion of costs
 - i. Applying for Workforce grants
 - f. Alcatraz update – Discussions ongoing with DNR-4th PM from the DNR..progress
 - g. Housing update
 - i. Developer Activity – Updates to discuss-single family, RL, Cumb, Barron, TL, Chetek
 - ii. Multifamily activity – will discuss-5 apartment developers interested
 - h. Turtle Lake/Polk County Project – ongoing
 - i. Turtle Lake Viresco Project -need space to expand and be DNR compliant
 - j. Childcare Updates – Ann Street School walk through with Contractors
 - k. KidsWorld buyers making progress
 - l. Rice Lake HS students update-working with twenty students-program successful..looking to expand with other schools
 - m. Placemaking – save the dates out - Barron, Cumberland and Rice Lake
 - n. BEAD Grant lead update-planning grant available to counties...for broadband study
 - o. BEAD Offered 18K to county..may turn back due to low amount
 - p. Questions?
6. Spring Meeting update-looking at a Friday lunch meeting
7. Rice Lake Tourism Commission update
8. Board member comments/questions? Motion to donate \$500/family for Barron County fallen officers..Mike Diercks/Dana Heller ..motion approved

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9. RBF Update

10. Adjourn-Fornaro motion to adjourn..adjourned at 8:48am

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