

**BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Announcement**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, 2022 8:00 AM**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Barron County Government Center**  
**335 East Monroe Ave, Barron, WI 54812**

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**AGENDA-Minutes**

Attendees:

Louie Okey, Jen Beaudette, Dana Heller, BJ Williams, Krug, Loverude, Armstrong, Stanford, Gerber, Metcalf, Nordby, Trembley, Skinner, Fornaro, Markgren, Zientara, Stacey Neumann

1. Call Meeting to Order ...8:04 by Beaudette
2. Public Appearances/Comments
3. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting..Heller motion to approve, Minutes approved
4. Treasurers Report..Larry/Trembley motion...Treasurers report approved
5. Report From The Executive Director on Recent Activity
  - a. Fundraising update
  - b. Mayor/City Meetings – Multifamily Developer Meetings w/Cumberland and Barron Hoff construction meeting held..interested in Barron County..looking at design/land requirements..Another project in Cumberland..40 units. Possible project in Cumberland involving old hospital building..Commonwealth. Chetek project approved (Water Tower to be built in 2024) ..Opposition resulted in turning down 92 homes in proposed development in Rice Lake. Two new locations being worked for housing developments in Rice Lake. Discussion on markets in general..where is the economy going?
  - c. Start ups
    - i. 7 in process..more coming..Distribution Center
    - ii. Amish Update – All doing fine
  - d. Mfg. Relocations, Expansions update
    - i. Business expansions, Business purchases – ongoing
  - e. Workforce Initiatives
    - i. Applying for Workforce grants – possible Childcare projects....Barron and Cumberland interest....Buildings needed first
  - f. Alcatraz update
  - g. Housing update
    - i. Developer Activity – Updates to discuss..All communities, plus Turtle Lake
    - ii. Multifamily activity
  - h. Turtle Lake/Polk County Project – ongoing....possible annexation discussed
  - i. Turtle Lake Viresco Project
  - j. Turtle Lake Housing Project proceeding
  - k. Childcare Update – Ann Street School
  - l. Rice Lake HS students update-successes already being seen..difference maker for kids
  - m. Placemaking – save the dates out for June - Barron, Cumberland and Rice Lake
  - n. BEAD Grant lead update-Broadband...minimal amount....turned back funds....did nothing for the County
  - o. Questions?
6. Spring Business Awards Banquet update- Friday-October 6<sup>th</sup> at Northwoods Tech College
7. Rice Lake Tourism Commission update-Beginner pains-..Dave not on the Commission

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8. Discussed new Tourism signage funding request-Wild River Trail..Barron County northbound to Superior..
9. Regional Business Fund Brochures distributed....Project examples .
10. Board member comments/questions?...Childcare question...certainly needed..project possibilities where?...need the building first.
11. RBF Update
12. Adjourn-Heller motion...Adjourned

**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

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