

## *Momentum West Board of Directors Meeting*

*June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – UWEC Barron County*

*Attending: Timm Sandstrom, Diane Vaughn, Bun Hanson, Ray French, Aaron Sundeen, Jenny Benrud, Scott Allen, John Will*

*Absent: Jon Menz, Kelly Ingli, Rick Geisen, Sheila Nyberg, Rob Kreibich, Seth Hudson, Nick Vivian, Katherine Frank, Brian Elwood,*

*Also Present: Abby Fischer, Jeff French, Steve Jahn*

*A call to order was made by Timm at 12:15pm.*

### *CONSENT AGENDA*

*The May 2023 board meeting minutes and financials were reviewed. Motion by Aaron, second by Jenny to approve the minutes. Motion carried. Motion made by John second by Ray to approve the financials. Motion carried.*

### *COMMITTEE REPORTS*

*The executive team approved and sent to the board developing new marketing materials to be used for RFI responses, talent attraction, and templates to be localized by partners in the region. Aaron moved that the BA/Housing committee develop criteria for the materials and solicit RFP's. Bun second the motion, the motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Timm, second by John, to approve Donna Walker joining the board to fill the seat previously held by Tom Gulland. The motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Ray second by Bun to approve Scott Allen, the new Executive Director of the WCWRPC, to replace former WCWRPC ED on the board. The motion carried.*

*Steve and Aaron updated the board on the housing committees' activities. The discussion with CEDA and Compeer regarding small community single family developments is continuing with work focusing on Polk and Pierce Counties.*

*The stay campaign has wrapped up. Processing a \$16,000 reimbursement request through WEDC. The DEI conference planning was updated.*

### *EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT*

*Broadband work continues with Cliff Albertson connecting with the counties. Momentum West was part of a Polk County broadband discussion and is reaching out to replicate the program if other counties are interested. Our region received 10 of the 24 statewide grants this last cycle. on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Site visit in a few weeks for Project Synergy. Several still alive. Two due last week but nothing from the region to submit.*

*Planning underway for a June 27<sup>th</sup> event on the WDB grant program in Polk County, as well as a series of events with CVTC.*

*Steve is part of the Dunn County EDC priorities sessions and the statewide Policy Academy.*

#### *GOVERNANCE*

*Covered under executive*

#### *WEDC*

*Ray covered WEDC activities.*

#### *NEW BUSINESS*

*Meeting adjourned at 1:03 via motion by Bun second by John.*

*Meeting was followed by a tour of NTC and Saputo Cheese*

*The next meeting will be on August 9<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom*