

**BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup> 2023, 8:00 AM**

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**June Meeting Minutes**

Members present:

Louie Okey, BJ Williams, Krug, Loverude, Dave Armstrong, Stanford, Jim Metcalf, Diane Trembley, Fornaro, Stacey Neumann, Jeremy Miller.

Excused Absence:

Beaudette, Heller, Gerber, Nordby, Skinner, Markgren,

1. Virtual (Zoom) Meeting Called to Order by Secretary Loverude at 8:00am
2. Public Appearances/Comments-None
3. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting-BJ Williams and Jim Metcalf -motion to approve-Minutes approved
4. Treasurers Report-None
5. Report From The Executive Director on Recent Activity
  - a. Mayor/City Meetings -meetings held with Rice lake, Cumberland and Barron
  - b. Start ups-seem to be slowing
    - i. 5 in process
    - ii. Amish Update-no Amish updates
  - c. Mfg. Relocations, Expansions update -Pepsi Distribution Center considering Barron and Turtle Lake
    - i. Business expansions, Business purchases – ongoing
  - d. Workforce Initiatives
    - i. Applying for Workforce grants -Legislative involvement may be seen....Manufacturing and Food Industries likely recipients
  - e. Alcatraz update – ...1 more parcel being looked at
  - f. Housing update
    - i. Developer Activity – Updates discussed: Multi family, Senior Housing and Apartment complexes planned for Barron, Cumberland and Rice Lake.
    - ii. Multifamily activity – discussed possible project in Cumberland involving old hospital building....Rice Lake and Cameron also have projects being discussed.
  - g. Turtle Lake/Polk County Project – ongoing
  - h. Turtle Lake Viresco Project update....discussed need for Chloride
  - i. Turtle Lake Housing Project – brought in Congressman Tiffany for assistance
  - j. Ann Street School update-Childcare facility still planned...working on sprinkler issue..discussion around which specification must be followed.
  - k. Rice Lake HS students update-several success stories have surfaced. Students have found interest in HealthCare, Manufacturing and Accounting
  - l. Placemaking – save the dates out for June - Barron, Cumberland and Rice Lake
  - m. Spring Countywide HR Meeting discussed.
  - n. Questions? No questions from the Board
6. Fall Business Awards Banquet -to be held October 6<sup>th</sup> at Northwoods Technical College, Rice Lake
7. Sign for Wild Rivers Trail-Funding needed
8. Rice Lake Tourism Commission update
9. Board member comments/questions? None

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10. RBF Update

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50am

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

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