

BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Monthly Board Meeting Announcement
Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 8:00 AM
1st Floor Auditorium
335 East Monroe Ave, Barron, WI 54812

Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Beaudette, Heller, Krug, Metcalf, Williams, Trembley, Miller, Armstrong, Okey, Loverude, Markgren, Nordby

1. Call Meeting to Order at 8:02 by Beaudette
2. Public Appearances/Comments-none
3. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting...minutes approved
4. Treasurers Report..(Bruce)..motion by Heller/Metcalf...approved
5. Report From Executive Director on Recent Activity
 - a. Speaking at Barron Kiwanis July 19th
 - b. Start-ups
 - i. 7 in process....one is an event center in RL
 - ii. 1 business sales in process
 - iii. 1 sale closed
 - c. Mfg. Relocations, Expansions update
 - i. Business expansion update – 1 in progress...Johnson Truck Bodies
 - d. Workforce Initiatives
 - i. Career Day 2022 – September 21st Barron County Fairgrounds
 - ii. Meeting with Jon Menz - President of Regional Workforce Board on childcare funding possibilities (week of July 24th)
 - e. Alcatraz update - Bruce
 - f. Housing update
 - i. Developer Activity – forward movement with Rice Lake (2 projects)
 - ii. Meeting with apartment developer to discuss Cumberland and Barron potential projects
 - g. Place making- email out this week to Barron and Cumberland group and to each Chamber of Commerce
 - h. Hearing from manufacturers that hiring is starting to slow....interest rate discussion followed...30 yr mortgages approaching 7.75%...still appears to be pent up demand following COVID
 - i. Puris in Turtle Lake – major layoff (48 people)
 - j. Both Websites are up including tracking pixel on Tourism site
 - k. Rice Lake Tourism – Brandi is doing well.
(Indianhead -now defunct- Tourism discussion) Possible Opportunity
 - l. Questions?
6. Board Member questions or item to be added to next agenda.
7. Bills to be paid
8. RBF Update

9. Adjourn..9:02

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

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

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