

BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes November 6th, 8:00 am
Room 110 1st Floor Conference Room
335 East Monroe Ave, Barron, WI 54812

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Armstrong, Nordby, Boldig, Markgren, Krug, Williams, Dodge, Gerber, Westphal, Leschisin, Beaudette, Stanford, Lentz, Heller, and Oakey

1. Call Meeting to Order **8:00 am**
2. Public Appearances/Comments **none**
3. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting **Heller/Gerber Approved.**
4. Treasurers Report **Gerber/Heller Approved.**
5. Closed Session
 - a. Motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)©, considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any employee over which a governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. **Heller/Nordby**
 - b. Review of Executive Director and 2025 Compensation discussion
 - c. Motion to go into open session **Heller/Williams**
6. Heller motioned Executive Director 3.5% raise to include \$500 bonus with the recommendation to raise Executive Assistant to 3.5 % with a \$500 bonus. Seconded by Markgren. **Discussed and motion approved.**
7. Report From The Executive Director on Recent Activity
 - a. Start ups- SBDC- new intake form slow to respond due to financial threshold constraints
 - i. 25 in process
 - ii. Locations: Barron, Rice Lake, Cumberland, Cameron, and Chetek
 - b. Mfg. Relocations, Expansions update
 - i. Business purchases – 3
 - ii. Discussed devastating fire to 3 downtown Rice Lake businesses
 - c. Youth apprenticeship steering group meeting review
 - i. 45- Amery, 14 Rice Lake
 - d. Alcatraz update – Bruce Markgren- **Next step legal by DNR to sample**
 - e. Housing update
 - i. Developer Activity – Updates to discuss
 1. Multifamily activity – Discuss (Rice Lake and Cameron area)
 2. Single Family – discuss
 - f. Childcare recap- New CEO Cumberland Health in discussions for childcare support. Barron CO UWEC-BC still in discussion and assessment for childcare facility
 - g. Broadband Update – Mosaic BEAD application window with PSC anticipated to open January 13th. Grant area updates: Prairie Lake Township- splicing/testing, Town of Barron and Maple Grove-activating services, Rice Lake and Doyle Townships- began.
 - h. Questions?
8. Budget Discussions- **Leschisin motion to approve the 2025 Budget with an addition of \$10,000 to the business contributions line. Heller seconded. Motion approved.**
9. Board member comments/questions? Dodge acknowledged the upcoming Rice Lake Football game against New Richmond. Nordby **commented on Barron's volleyball team at state.**
10. RBF Update- **limited funding is available. No facades at this time.**

11. Adjourn **Standford 9:41 am**

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

cc: Nordby, Boldig, Skinner, Markgren, Krug, Williams, Dodge, Gerber, Westphal, Leschisin, Baudette, Miller, Stanford, Williams, Lentz, County Administrator, Corporation Counsel, Co. Clerk, Webmaster & Public Postings