

BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11 2026, 8:00am
Zoom Online

Present: Dana Heller, Harlan Dodge, Kathy Krug, Karrie Stanford, BJ Williams, Jennifer Beaudette, Bruce Markgren, Adam Skinner, Jeremy Miller, Joe Leschisin, Megan Boldig, Tim Gerber, Craif Fowler and Chris Fitzgerald

Also Present: Dave Armstrong

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 8:00 a.m.
2. Public Appearances/Comments - None
3. The Committee reviewed minutes of December meeting, Bruce made a motion to approve -Fowler second. Motion Carried.
4. Standford gave the treasurer's report for Jan. Bruce made a motion to approve as presented, Krug second, Motion carried.
5. Armstrong gave a report on activity last month and answered questions from the committee on various items.
 - a. Start-ups
 - i. 39 in process-
 - ii. Business purchases 6-2 Amish. 1 will close in a month
 - b. Alcatraz update – Dave DNR awarded grant for repurposing to SEH for a visioning.
 - c. Housing update
 - i. Developer Activity – Updates to discuss – Cameron, Barron, Rice Lake
 - ii. Barron-40 home possible first
 - iii. RL-Apt Building east of Farm and Fleet groundbreaking in Spring
 - d. Broadband Update – Mosaic-WI Bead is moving forward
 - e. Council/Board Meeting Updates:
 - i. Completed – Rice Lake and Chetek
 - ii. Pending: Cameron, Turtle Lake and Cumberland- in March
 - f. Rice Lake-Birchwood MFG Property-Promising Plan
 - g. Met with Chippewa Co EDC on Trucking Company at Sand Mine in NA- more work to be done on this
6. MOA agreement with County-Beaudette made a motion and Dodge Seconded all voting yes with an amendment including the county will provide bill for phones.
7. Other:

March Agenda-Possible request to Merge with Economic Development in another county

Request to send Brandi to Economic Development School

Megan gave Dave a shout out for engaging the St Croix Valley Group during their Legislative Day

8. Motion made at 8:43am by Stanford to adjourn and Dodge Seconded- All voting Yes

Respectfully submitted by Fitzgerald