

**BARRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 8:00am**

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Present: Dana Heller, Harlan Dodge, Jennifer Beaudette, Bruce Markgren, Jeremy Miller, Joe Leschisin, Megan Boldig, Craig Fowler, Rod Norby, Dave Lentz, Patti Anderson and Chris Fitzgerald

Also Present: Dave Armstrong and Louie Oakey

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. Fowler made a motion to approve -Anderson second. Motion Carried.
4. Treasurer's report for Feb. Bruce made a motion to approve as presented, Beaudette second, Motion carried.
5. Armstrong gave a report on activity last month and answered questions from the committee on various items. Dave provided an email link to all members on the Forward Analytics report
  - a. Start-ups
    - i. 39 in process
    - ii. Business purchases 6-2 Amish. 2 will close in a month, 1 in financing stage. New Restaurant in Cameron April 1.
  - b. Alcatraz update – Dave DNR awarded grant for repurposing to SEH for a visioning which will take place in March
  - c. Update on repurposing former Northern Industrial Sands on Hwy 53-It will not be a data center. High Surface area Carbon-Wood Plant (Possible)
  - d. Foreign Trade Zone with Chippewa Co-Still in Research stage
  - e. Housing update
    - i. Barron Single Family-Not going to happen
    - ii. Cameron-Multi Family still looking
    - iii. RL-Warrior Estates
    - iv. Chetek-110 Units-Board wanted an update on that next month
  - f. Broadband Update – Mosaic-WI Bead is moving forward
  - g. Rice Lake-Birchwood MFG Property-Meeting scheduled in March with Developer and City. Million dollars to clear land
6. Statements going out this week to municipal partners
7. Website Committee of Heller, Anderson, Beaudette to meet via zoom soon

8. Business Award Banquet committee to meet soon to start planning
9. Update from Barron-Bank on corner sold, Koby Kiehl does concrete lifting now
10. Motion made at 8:55am by Doge to adjourn and Beaudette Seconded- All voting Yes

Respectfully submitted by Fitzgerald