Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium Board of Directors Meeting April 14, 2010



Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Board members present: Supervisors Carol Ward Knox and Augie Tietz, Mayor Ron Krueger – Watertown, Steve Wilke – Lake Mills, Bill Dovi – Waterloo

Others Present: Steve Cline – JCTC, Kim Erdmann – Watertown Chamber of Commerce, Greg David, Professor Steve Grabow, Catherine Kleiber, Lynn Forsyth – MATC, Mary Nimm – City of Whitewater, JCEDC Executive Director Dennis Heling and Administrative Assistant RoxAnne Witte.

Absent: Tim Freitag – Jefferson, John Wilmet – Fort Atkinson

#### **Citizen Comments**

- 1. Bill Dovi announced that on May 18, 2010 business leaders from southeastern Wisconsin are invited to attend a one day conference "Green Economic Development in Wisconsin. The Conference will be held at the Olympia Conference Center in Oconomowoc.
- 2. Greg David informed the board that he will be running for Jefferson County Board of Supervisors Chairperson.

#### **Minutes**

Tietz/Krueger moved to amend the minutes to read that the Finance Report was approved by A. Tietz and J. Wilmet. Motion Carried.

Ward Knox/Dovi moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 as amended. Motion carried.

# **Executive Directors Report**

D Heling distributed his monthly written report to the board of directors.

Wilke/Dovi moved to accept the Executive Directors Report as printed. Motion carried.

# Finance Report

Tietz/Dovi moved to approve the March 31, 2010 financials as submitted. Motion carried. .

<u>Designate Representative from JCEDC to Steering Committee for the Farmland Preservation.</u>
It was the consensus of the board that a decision will be made at next months meeting after county board appointments have been made.

<u>Update on new rules and regulations regarding sale of local produce to restaurants/schools</u>
This item will be put on June Agenda for further discussion.

# **Committee Reports**

# Complete Count

Frank Lamb updated the board on the timeline for the census. To date Jefferson County has had a 77% response rate in census returns.

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#### **Tourism**

S. Cline updated the board on the activities of the Tourism Council.

## **Transportation Issues**

- 1. Mayor Krueger updated the board on the recent meetings he has attended regarding rail issues as they relate to Jefferson County.
- 2. A Tietz reported that the Highway 26 Bypass is on schedule and work continues.

# **Business Development, Retention and Attraction**

- 1. D. Heling updated the board on the activities of the Businesses Services Team.
- 2. K Erdmann updated the board on the workshops that the Chambers of Commerce and MATC are hosting on Contracting with the Federal Government.

# **Glacial Heritage Area**

Joe Nehmer updated the board on the current activities as they relate to marketing and branding, land acquisition priorities, bike trails, and memorandum of understanding.

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- 1. Election of Officers
- 2. Designate Representative from JCEDC to the Steering Committee for the Farmland Preservation Committee.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

JCEDC Board of Directors, May 12, 2010, 864 Collins Rd, Suite 12, Jefferson, WI Smart Growth Conference, May 6, 2010, 8:30 – 5:30, Alliance Center

# **Adjournment**

There being no further business for consideration Ward Knox/Dovi motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

RoxAnne Witte
Recording Secretary