Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium Board of Directors Meeting January 13, 2010



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

Board members present: Supervisors Carol Ward Knox, Augie Tietz, Mayor Ron Krueger – Watertown, Bill Dovi – Waterloo, John Wilmet – Fort Atkinson, Tim Freitag – Jefferson

Others Present: Supervisor Greg David, Susan Dascenzo– Watertown Main Street Program, Professor Steve Grabow, Catherine Kleiber, Vivian Kuss – WE Energies, Lyn Forseth – MATC, JCEDC Executive Director Dennis Heling and Administrative Assistant RoxAnne Witte.

Absent: Steve Wilke - Lake Mills

Motion by Tietz/Dovi to discuss Item 9. Discussion and approval of filing application for Community Development Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP) after approval of minutes. Motion carried.

### **Citizen Comments**

The board received a copy of communication received by County Board Chairperson Schmeling regarding joining the Rail Transit Commission.

### **Minutes**

Tietz/Dovi moved to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Executive Directors Report**

D Heling distributed his monthly written report to the board of directors. Dovi/Wilmet moved to accept the Executive Directors Report as printed. Motion carried.

#### **Finance Report**

Tietz/Dovi moved to approve the November 30, 2009 and the December 31, 2009 Financial Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

# 2010 Budget

Discussion was held on status of Johnson Creek rejoining JCEDC.

Tietz/Wilmet moved to approve the 2010 JCEDC Budget as submitted. Motion carried.

# **Committee Reports**

### **Complete Count**

D. Heling updated the board on the current activates that are being done in the county relating to the census. The board was also reminded to update JCEDC on any activities in their communities that relate to the census.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

 Professor Grabow updated the board on the comprehensive plans as it relates to the "Working Lands initiative" and how more farmland preservation documentation will be needed in the comprehensive plans as we move forward.

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#### **Tourism**

- G. David and Professor Grabow reported that the Water Trails Committee is working on the Jefferson County Canoe map which will be handed out at major Tourism events throughout the year.
- Discussion was held on the progress made by the DNR on the Glacial Heritage Plan. A. Tietz
  reported that Joe Nehmer from the Parks Department will be the contact for Jefferson County.
  Wilmet/Tietz moved to have the Glacial Heritage Plan added to the JCEDC standing
  committee list to receive updates at the monthly board of directors meeting as needed. Motion
  carried.

### Sustainable Development

G David updated the board on the different sustainable activities that have taken place and any upcoming activities that may be of interest to the Board members.

# **Transportation Issues**

- Mayor Krueger updated the board on the possibility of High Speed Rail going through Jefferson County and the stumbling blocks that will need to be overcome.
- 2. Discussion was held on creating a comprehensive transportation policy for Jefferson County and how this could be implemented.

### **Flood Recovery**

D. Heling updated the board on the application (amendment) for the Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program.

# Future Agenda Items

- 1. It was decided by board consensus to have committee reports given every other month. If an update is needed in the alternating month, the update will be given during citizen comments.
- 2. It was decided by board consensus to add Business Development, Retention and Attraction to the JCEDC standing committee list to receive updates at the monthly board of directors meeting as needed.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

JCEDC Board of Directors, February 10, 2010, 864 Collins Rd, Suite 12, Jefferson, WI

### **Adjournment**

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

RoxAnne Witte

Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,