

**Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
December 10, 2008**



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

Board members present:, Supervisors Carol Ward Knox, Scott Seefeldt, Gail Towers MacAskill, Paul Moderacki - Johnson Creek, Augie Tietz and Mayor Ron Krueger - Watertown, Steve Wilke – Lake Mills, Bill Dovi – Waterloo, Greg David, Catherine Kleiber, Steve Cline – JCTC, , Vivian Kuss – We Energies, Mary Nimm – City of Whitewater, JCEDC Executive Director Dennis Heling and Administrative Assistant RoxAnne Witte.
Absent: Tim Freitag – Jefferson, John Wilmet – Fort Atkinson

Minutes

Tietz/Ward Knox moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Village of Johnson Creek Membership

Moderacki informed the board that the Village of Johnson Creek will not be renewing their membership to the JCEDC for 2009. He thanked Mayor Krueger for his letter of support for continued participation in JCEDC. Heling will be sending an invoice and letter to remind them of the 13th month notice to resign from the JCEDC per the contract.

Nomination and Election of Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson

Dovi/Wilke moved to nominate Ron Krueger as chairperson. Motion Carried. Ward Knox/Towers MacAskill moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Ron Krueger as chairperson of JCEDC. Motion Carried.

Dovi/Towers MacAskill to nominate Steve Wilke as vice chairperson. Motion Carried. Towers MacAskill/Ward Knox moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Steve Wilke as vice chairperson of JCEDC. Motion carried.

Terms of Office

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community Representing</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tim Freitag	City of Jefferson	May 2009
Gail Towers MacAskill	County Supervisor	May 2009
Steve Wilke	City of Lake Mills	May 2010
Scott Seefeldt	County Supervisor	May 2010
Ron Krueger	City of Watertown	May 2011
Carl Ward Knox	County Supervisor	May 2011
Bill Dovi	City of Waterloo	May 2011

Executive Directors Report

1. Home Consortium – Heling updated the board on the Jefferson County Home Rehabilitation Program. The current balance is approximately \$30,000 with over \$200,000 being spent on home improvements in the last four years.

2. Nature is our Business – Heling and Tower MacAskill update the board on the meeting that was recently held. Jefferson County is one of two areas in Wisconsin that the WI Department of Tourism and DNR will be targeting to increase tourism in Jefferson County through media outreach and web site advertising.
3. Brownfields Grant Application – Heling informed the board that the application was completed and submitted.
4. Renew Energies CDBG application – Heling informed the board that the Resolution for County support of the CDBG-ED loan application for Renew Energies was approved at their meeting on December 9, 2008.

Finance Report

Wilke/Towers MacAskill moved to approve the November Finance report as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Comprehensive Plan

Heling informed the board that the Core Team has made revisions to the storybook and it will be delivered to Vandewalle & Associates on Friday. Discussion was held on timeline of what will happen next and how the finished product will be used in the future. The board thanks Professor Grabow and Dennis Heling for all the work they have done on the comprehensive plan.

Tourism

Cline updated the Board on the activities of the Tourism Council, and received comments/suggestions from the board regarding the future of the Tourism Council and future activities.

Sustainable Development

David reported on different activities that are going on around the state regarding sustainable development.

Transportation Issues

Tietz updated the Board on the Highway 26 Bypass project: the northern section to Highway 60 was approved for 2015 and will now begin design stage and State Railroad Commissioner and yet to rule on the Union Pacific Railroad crossing of State Highway 26 in Town of Aztalan.

Future Agenda Items

1. Manufacturing rep for the JCEDC Board.

Upcoming Meetings

Governors' Conference on Recycling, 12/16/2008, 9:00 a.m.
Thrive Reception, 12/16/2008, 2 – 5 p.m., Monona Terrace
Farmland Preservation meeting, 12/18/1008, Jansen's Banquet Hall, Fort Atkinson
JCEDC Board of Directors – January 14, 2009, 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration meeting adjourned 10:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

RoxAnne Witte
Recording Secretary