Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium Board of Directors Meeting November 12, 2008



Meeting called to order at 8:45 a.m.

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

Absent: Tim Freitag - Jefferson, Supervisors Gail Towers MacAskill and Scott Seefeldt

Minutes

Tietz/Dovi moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Finance Report

Wilmet/Ward Knox moved to approve the October Finance report as submitted. Motion carried.

2009 Budget

Motion by Wilmet/Dovi to accept the 2009 Budget without participation from the City of Fort Atkinson. Motion carried

Executive Directors Report

Heling invited the Board to the tour of Kendall Packing on November 13th at 1:30 pm

EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application

Heling explained the application process for the Brownfield Assessment Grant. Motion by Tietz/Wilke to accept Resolution No. 2008-05 – EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Application for Hazardous Substances and EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Application for Petroleum Products for Jefferson County. Motion carried.

Resolution – CDBG-ED Loan for Renew Energies

Heling informed the Board that Renew Energies has applied to the Department of Commerce for a CDBG-Ed Loan to retain employees and expand its operations. Motion by Ward Knox/Wilke to approve Resolution 2008-04 In support of establishment and administration of a CDBG-ED Loan for Renew Energies LLC. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Comprehensive Plan

Professor Grabow updated the Board on the October Core Team meeting, the timeline for the plan, and what the vision of the final document will be. Substantive conversation ensued about the importance of nurturing businesses with local roots in the community.

Tourism

Cline updated the Board on the activities of the Tourism Council, including its website improvements and discounts to encourage visitors to shop locally.

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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 State Railroad Commissioner ruled on two new crossings of StH 26 which will be part of the StH 26 expansion, but has yet to rule on the Union Pacific Railroad crossing of StH 26 in the Town of Aztalan.

Future Agenda Items

Upcoming Meetings

Core Committee – November 19, 2008, 10:00 a.m. JCEDC Board of Directors – December 10, 2008, 8:30 a.m.

<u>Adjournment</u>

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

Respectfully submitted,

RoxAnne Witte Recording Secretary