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



Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

### **Minutes**

Dovi/Wilmet moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

## **Executive Directors Report**

- 1. Heling updated the Board on the recent webinar How to Attract Chinese Business to your Community.
- 2. Heling updated the Board on the Business/Agricultural Disaster Survey that is currently being conducted as a result of the June flooding.

## **Finance Report**

Ward Knox/Wilke moved to approve the August Finance report as submitted. Motion carried.

### <u>Discussion on Economic Resource Guide</u>

Discussion was held regarding the confusion of mailings for the Economic Resource Guide and the Jefferson County: Official Guide that the Jefferson Tourism Council publishes. A letter of explanation will be mailed to all businesses.

### **Endorsement of Thrive**

Wilke/Ward Knox moved to approve the Regional Principals of Collaboration for Thrive with the JCEDC preamble. Motioned carried.

### **Committee Reports**

## **Comprehensive Plan**

Moderacki & Grabow updated the board on the Core Committee activities. Steering Committee will be meeting in October.

#### **Tourism**

Cline updated the Board on the activities of the Tourism Council.

## Sustainable Development

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

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## **Transportation Issues**

- 1. Moderacki updated the board on the recent public hearing held on the Highway 26 railroad crossing.
- 2. Highway 26 Corridor meeting September 25, 6:30 pm, Watertown City Hall
- 3. Grabow updated the board on the Bike Path Plan.

## **Future Agenda Items**

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Highway 26 Corridor – September 25, 2008, 6:30 pm, Watertown City Hall JCEDC Board of Directors – November 12, 2008 – 8:30 am.

# <u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business for consideration meeting adjourned 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

RoxAnne Witte Recording Secretary