



Notice of Public Meeting

Committee: Economic Development
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: 3rd Floor County Board Room
Remote Access: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting, but deviations from the order shown may occur:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Public Comment Regarding Posted Agenda Items
4. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband Funding Request – City of Mondovi/Ntec
6. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband Funding Request – Town of Montana/CCT
7. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Broadband Funding Request – Town of Buffalo/CCT
8. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Creating a Revolving Loan Fund and Funding Mechanism
9. Review/Discussion/Action ~ A Resolution to Support Economic Development in Buffalo County with CAPX2020 Funding
10. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Revolving Loan Fund ~ Together Farms
11. Review/Discussion ~ Committee Chair Report
12. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next meeting date and time
13. Adjournment.

Date: January 12, 2023

Brad Schmidtknecht, Chair

By: Roxann M. Halverson, County Clerk

Board Members: If unable to attend, please contact the Chair. If the Chair is unavailable, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 608-685-6209. If the Chair and the County Clerk are not available, please call the Administrative Coordinator at 608-685-6234.

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Public Access to the Courthouse: The South Entrance will be the only access to the building after 4:30 p.m.

Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended, and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Vice Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Brian Michaels (acting Chair), Ms. LeeAnne Bulman, and Mr. Max Weiss. Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht appeared via Teams. Mr. Tom Taylor was excused.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Mr. Lee Engfer, Mr. Shawn Squires, and Ms. Stephanie Schneider.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the July and September Meeting Minutes: Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the July and September minutes, seconded by Ms. Bulman. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Revolving Loan Fund and Together Farms Request: Ms. Schneider spoke regarding the proposed project for Together Farms. She is looking to build a 30 ft. x 18 ft. glamping building to allow 6 people a sleeping and common area. The approximate cost of the project is \$35,000.00. The tent for the glamping is about \$6,000.00, platform is about \$6,000.00 and the remainder would be for furnishings, woodstove, flooring, and labor. Ms. Schneider asked if they could use labor as their in-kind match when requesting the funds. She is hoping to obtain between \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in the form of a loan so that construction can start in March. She will also be looking to hire a ¼ time employee for a one year period. Mr. Engfer reviewed the current guidelines in place from 2015-2017 and that updates will need to be made prior to any commitments. Mr. Schmidtkecht advised that no action will be taken on this matter as the guidelines need to be reviewed and updated. Mr. Schmidtkecht appointed Mr. Engfer to be the Interim Revolving Loan Fund Administrator.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Grant Writer Updates: Mr. Engfer advised Mr. Hedberg has completed the training and is ready to start working. Mr. Hedberg has asked for direction for his duties. Mr. Schmidtkecht asked for Mr. Hedberg to work on any feasible Economic Development grants and any other grants for the county.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Matching Funds Grants: Mr. Schmidtkecht would like to see between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 to be

used as matching funds for grants that Mr. Hedberg may find. This will be formally addressed at a future meeting.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Updates to the Flyway Trail: Mr. Engfer advised there has been some damage to the trail system from washouts. These were reported to the Flyway Trail Commission several times but there has been no update as to if repairs are complete or not. The next Flyway Trail meeting is tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Buffalo.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Broadband Updates: Mr. Shawn Squires presented a Town of Cross project update, showing the project is complete. CCT is working with the Town of Buffalo and Town of Waumandee for future projects. Mr. Schmidtknecht advised Tri-County is finalizing the last of their project in Buffalo County and should go live in January. Ntec is working on the Town of Mondovi project and is projected to go live in Spring of 2023.

Review/Discussion regarding the Committee Chair Report: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the next meeting date and time: The next meeting will be January 19, 2023, after the Finance meeting.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Ms. Bulman. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Engfer
Administrative Coordinator



Buffalo County Resolution

Drafted By:
Month/Year:
Committee:

Department:
Fiscal Impact: Yes/No

Resolution # _____

A Resolution to Support Economic Development in Buffalo County with CAPX2020 Funding

Whereas, the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors wishes to encourage Economic Development in Buffalo County, and;

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee wishes to establish a fund to encourage business growth and Economic Development in Buffalo County through loans and grants, and;

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee requests \$100,000.00 of CAPX2020 funding for loan and grants for business and economic growth, and;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby grants authorization to provide up to \$100,000.00 of CAPX2020 funds to the Economic Development Committee to be used for loans and grants for business and economic growth in Buffalo County.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

County Clerk

ATTEST:

County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:
Economic Development Committee

Finance Committee

Brad Schmidtknecht

Dennis Bork

Max Weiss

Max Weiss

Brian Michaels

Brad Schmidtknecht

Tom Taylor

Brian Michaels

LeeAnne Bulman

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