



Notice of Public Meeting

AGENDA

Committee:	Economic Development Committee
Date:	Thursday, March 19, 2026
Time:	10:30 A.M.
Location:	Third Floor County Board Room, 407 S. 2 nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
Remote Access:	https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2352556949945?p=L9JXBCa2IX5luhMklF

This 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 reviewed, discussed and acted upon at this meeting, but deviations from the order shown may occur:

1.	Review/Discussion/Action	Call to Order
2.	Review/Discussion/Action	Roll Call of Members
3.	Review/Discussion/Action	Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items
4.	Review/Discussion/Action	Previous Meeting Minutes
5.	Review/Discussion/Action	Update on Goals
6.	Review/Discussion/Action	Flyway Trail Update
7.	Review/Discussion/Action	New Business(es) Update
8.	Review/Discussion	Chairperson Report
9.	Review/Discussion	County Administrator Report
10.	Review/Discussion	Public Comments Unrelated to Agenda Items
11.	Review/Discussion/Action	Next Meeting Date and Time
12.	Review/Discussion/Action	Adjournment

Date: March 12, 2026

John Hadley, Chair

By: Lisa Schmitt, 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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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, February 5, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. John Hadley, Mr. Gary Stanton, Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell, Mr. Brian Michaels, and Mr. Michael Taylor.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Lisa Schmitt, and Mr. Dave Carlson. Mr. Christopher Murray attended online.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes: Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025, meeting, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Update on Goals: Mr. Dave Carlson gave a recap of work he has done regarding goals that were set with the Economic Development Committee in September of 2025. Some of the goals included general marketing, business visits, and creating a property inventory form. He met with Vision Design Group about our tourism website, and he will gather content to add to the Facebook page. Other goals for the next several months include developing an Economic Development Strategic Plan and developing an Affordable Housing Strategy. As opportunities arise, he will apply for grants. Other ideas suggested by the board were discussed.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Flyway Trail Update: A meeting is scheduled for February 17th. The crossing issue by Highway P is still being looked at. The bridge that caught fire in Trempealeau County probably won't be open until next year.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding New Business Update: Mr. Engfer reported that the company has found another site that they are in the process of finalizing.

Review/Discussion Regarding the Committee Chair Report: Chair Hadley advised that both he and Ms. McMillan Urell are not running for re-election and he would like to meet again before the new members are appointed. A new member will also need to be appointed to the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission as that is currently Ms. McMillan Urell.

Review/Discussion Regarding the Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. Engfer reported that communication with Mr. Carlson has been good and the results are positive.

Review/Discussion Regarding Public Comments Not Regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting has been set for March 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Stanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Schmitt
County Clerk