Winnebago County Industrial Development Board

Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024 meeting

Room 119, David Albrecht Administration Building, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI

Board Members Present: Amber Hoppa, Tom Egan, Mary Anne Mueller, Frank Frassetto, Morris Cox, Nate Gustafson, Lucas Reinke, Sam Schroeder, Logan Fuller, Colan Treml

Board Member Excused: Jon Doemel

Others Present: Jerry Bougie, Brian Noe, Ellen Skerke (virtual), Tricia Rathermel, Andrea Aurigue, Julie Rosenau

Secretary/Treasurer Amber Hoppa called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Introductions: Board members introduced themselves.

2. Board action on election of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer.

   Board Chair: Amber Hoppa requested nominations for Board Chair. Colan Treml made a motion to nominate Frank Frassetto. Mary Anne Mueller seconded the nomination. Additional nominations were requested. Morris Cox made a motion to nominate Nate Gustafson. Tom Egan seconded the nomination. Discussion pursued. Morris Cox and Tom Egan withdrew their nomination of Nate Gustafson. Additional Nominations were requested, and none were received. Nominations were closed. Motion to elect Frank Frassetto as Board Chair for the next 1-year term passed 10-0.

   Board Vice Chair: Board Chair Frassetto requested nominations for Board Vice Chair. Morris Cox made a motion to nominate Nate Gustafson as Vice Chair. Tom Egan seconded the nomination. Other nominations were requested, and none were received. Motion to elect Nate Gustafson Board Vice Chair for the next 1-year term passed 10-0.

   Board Secretary/Treasurer: Board Chair Frassetto requested nominations for Board Secretary/Treasurer. Morris Cox made a motion to nominate Amber Hoppa. Motion was seconded by Nate Gustafson. Other nominations were requested, and none received. Motion to elect Amber Hoppa as Board Secretary/Treasurer for the next 1-year term passed 10-0.

3. Approval of minutes from March 1, 2024 meeting. Morris Cox made a motion to approve the March 1, 2024 minutes as presented. Amber Hoppa seconded the motion. Motion passed 10-0.

4. Public Comments on agenda items. Board Chair Frassetto requested comments from the public. No one from the public provided comments.

5. Board action on conducting meetings before 3 pm for the next two years. Mary Anne Mueller provided the Board with a summary of the County Board rule that requires each County Committee, Board or Commissions to unanimously approve having meetings before 3 pm every two years after each County Board election cycle. Discussion pursued. Tom Egan made a motion to conduct meetings at 1 pm for the IDB until the next County Board election cycle. Motion was seconded by Morris Cox. Motion passed unanimously 10-0.

6. Report on IDB Board history and current activities: a. Historical summary and mission statement; b. Revolving Loan Fund Programs; c. Per Capita Economic Development Grant Program. Jerry Bougie summarized the report and supporting information previously provided to the Board. He went over the history, bylaws, and mission statement of the Board, including past economic development loan and grant programs and the status of the Board's current economic development programs and funding. He summarized the Board's current Revolving Loan Fund programs and the status of the Local Per capita Economic Development Grant program. Jerry mentioned that the Board has previously been looking into potential revisions to the Local grant program to see if there are ways to make beneficial changes that would provide better efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness regarding the distribution and use of the grant funding. He indicated the Board had talked about inviting in local communities and economic development entities in the County to provide input and generate ideas/suggestions on the program's policies related to eligibility and methods of funding. Discussion pursued. The Board consensus was that the Board would proceed with a meeting in the latter part of August and invite in local communities and economic development groups to generate input and discussion on the grant funding program.

7. Next meeting date. Jerry Bougie will be polling the Board in July with optional dates for a meeting in the latter part of August. He will also be inviting in local communities and economic development groups in the County to the meeting.

8. Adjournment: Tom Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morris Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 10-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Submitted by,
Jerry Bougie, Recording Secretary