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Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Forest County Board Room, Crandon, Wisconsin

Attendees: Chris Stark, Tom Tallier, Mike Gruett, Amy Paikowski, Mark Ferris, Melinda Otto, Terry Lukas, Jack Matuszewski, Megan Bachand, Althea McMillion, Pam Rau

- I. Welcome: Secretary Melinda Otto welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 2:59 pm. Introductions took place.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve was made by Lukas, second by Paikowski. All aye, motion carried.
- III. Approval of November 8, 2018, Minutes: Gruett made the motion to approve, seconded by Lukas. All aye, motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dick Popp was not present. Ferris provided an overview of the finances and budget. Gruett made the motion to put the report on file, seconded by Matuszewski. All aye, motion carried.
- V. Presentations
 - a) Directors Report: Ferris provided an overview of FCEDP explaining new upcoming operating plans, micro loans available for businesses, reminding everyone that these funds are from private donations not from government and member dues. All application information is kept confidential through the loan committee, as per protocol.
 - b) Any Other: None at this time.
- VI. Ongoing Business
 - a) Scenic Byway JEM Grant Update: Ferris updated moving forward with year 2 for the Fall in Love with the Byway campaign.
 - b) County-Wide Signage Effort: Laona and Hiles are proposed to be wrapped up this spring. Stark will be looking into possible funding available for new signage for east bound traffic on Highway 8 from Oneida County.
 - c) Forest County Job Center Update: Job Center is open two times a month with a steady traffic.
 - d) Any Other: None at this time.
- VII. New Business:
 - a) Year End Report: Ferris went over key areas of the report.
 - b) 2019 Looking Forward: Tallier spoke on the Gaming Compact and requested a letter of support from FCEDP. Bridges on the

trails were mentioned and efforts made to avoid closure, and plan is in place to restructure was discussed. Master-plan for recreational trails was discussed with a 10 year span. Lukas questioned if a grant writer was needed for the broadband expansion, Ferris mentioned the Potawatomi grant writers as a possible source. Discussion took place for opportunity within the Industrial Park improvements and investments. Ferris stated when we have the same mindset Forest County will project growth, as projected in the year-end report this is crucial to the community of Forest County. Good communication moving forward in 2019.

VIII. Partner Report/Updates: None at this time.

IX. Next meeting was set for February 14, 2019 at the Forest County Board Room, 3:00 p.m.

X. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Matuszewski, seconded by Lukas. The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Submitted by,

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