

Attendance: Chris Shafer, Mary Belland, Ron Skallerud, Terry Lukas, Jim Rosenburg, Cindy Gretzinger

1. Call Meeting to Order 3:00PM
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. 1st - Cindy Gretzinger                      2nd - Ron Skallerud                      all in favor - yes
3. Approval of 8/22/2023 Meeting Minutes
  - a. 1st - Ron Skallerud                      2nd - Cindy Gretzinger                      all in favor - yes
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. 1st - Ron Skallerud                      2nd - Chris Shafer                      all in favor - yes
5. Director's report
  - a. Loan Status
    - i. Certified mail - 2 were sent out, one came back
    - ii. Loan for DH - tentative approval, collateral is the issue, may not happen
  - b. Broadband update
    - i. We need to keep pushing for funding, we continue to explain how a match grant does not work for the county, municipalities, or individuals because there is no slush of funds to grab the match from
    - ii. RPN - Not receiving grants, every other community network in Wisconsin has received something, not Forest County Community Network.
    - iii. Chamber and Tourism boards will be merging
      1. To run conservatively and wisely with Promotion
      2. Have a better business plan and positive growth
  - c. Bills Update
    - i. Nothing
  - d. CWED update
    - i. Review from Chris (gap funding - 6 million available)
    - ii. Forest County is one of the original founders
    - iii. Impressed with the board that sits for decisions
      1. Terry - what is the Mix?
        - a. Appointed local bankers, economic development people, continue to grow the group.
    - iv. Chris hopes to continue to find businesses with needs for development
  - e. New Family Dollar in Armstrong Creek
    - i. Corner of Chitko & Hwy 8, Cindy checked with FC zoning and they have confirmed the potential build
      1. Permit for sanitary has been submitted but not yet approved.
  - f. Approve 2024 Visitors Guide Ad Reservation
    - i. Approval to have the same ad placement - inside front cover for FCEDP

- ii. Motion to continue with the inside front cover for the 2024 Visitors Guide
  - 1. 1st - Ron Skallerud    2nd - Cindy Gretzinger    all in favor - yes
- 6. Partner Reports
  - a. Terry - Bucks Clubhouse - update, met with owner of Blue Roof - talked about how business is booming for them. Bucks was open to having a more collaborative intervention with other members, possible Chamber opportunity.
  - b. Terry - possibly selling the airport, City of Crandon is looking into it. .
  - c. New build/remodel in Laona - will be a new business
  - d. Remodel in Agonne
  - e. Jim Rosenberg
    - i. Oct 13th - connect Mainstreets, connect community self help promotion
    - ii. WEDC Economic Summit
      - 1. 2 days, 1 night - Great speakers great networking, 23 & 24 of October
    - iii. CDI - Community Development investment (low funds - July is new fiscal year)
      - 1. Maple place (possible funding if they apply)
      - 2. Long lake Road House - corner store remodel - addition of gas pump
- 7. Any other business
  - a. Chamber Christmas tree - Building committee approved the use of the gazebo if the chamber needs.
  - b. RV or Sports Show - Green Bay in January
- 8. Next meeting?
  - a. October 24th, 2024 at 3:00PM - Forest County Boardroom
- 9. Adjourn 4:10PM
  - a. 1st - Ron Skallerud    2nd - Cindy Gretzinger    all in favor - yes