

Attendance - Chris Shafer, Mary Belland, Terry Lukas, Cindy Gretzinger, Ron Skallerud, Dick Popp

Absent - Wally Leja

1. Call Meeting to Order 3:02 PM
2. Approval of Agenda
Amended to reflect approval of October minutes.
1st - Cindy Gretzinger 2nd - Ron Skallerud all in favor - yes
3. Approval of 10/24/2023 Meeting Minutes
1st - Ron Skallerud 2nd - Dick Popp all in favor - yes
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Explained by Dick Popp
1st - Ron Skallerud 2nd - Chris Shafer all in favor - yes
5. Director's report
 - a. Loan Status
 - i. No discussion
 - b. CWED and RPN update
 - i. Possible purchase for piece of equipment, Local buy and local business (Chris will update when needed)
 - ii. Possible expansion to increase plant and employment to another local business
 - c. Meeting times
 - i. January or Called meeting if needed
 - d. Broadband Committee Meetings
 - i. No meeting in december unless needed
 - e. Merger Update - Visit Forest County (Chamber/Tourism)
 - i. 01/01/2024 officially merged - 1 executive board of 5 members
 - ii. Chris explains room tax, what we are doing and how it works.
6. Partner Reports
 - a. Chris - Tribal Connections are strong and growing, possible opportunities with infrastructure in Forest County.
 - b. Terry (Tribal Grants)
 - i. -FCP received a grant for HWY statistics, TA and surveying (3 yr grant)
 - ii. Pave County T Completely, All new striping on County W, safety cameras on local roads - putting more in
 - c. RPN
 - i. Our office feels undead and that there ahs not been any forward motion on our projects that have been submitted - Nothing has come through, the process is insulting.
 - ii. County should look into a grant writer

- d. Affordable housing (FCPC), talks of building something for employment in Forest County.
- 7. Closed Session: The Committee may consider a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. stat 19.85(1)(e) "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session."
 - a. Did not take action
 - Discussion on Loan Funds
- 8. Reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session
 - a. Did not take action
- 9. Any other business
 - a. None
- 10. Next Meeting
January 23rd at 3:00 PM in the Forest County Board Room
- 11. Adjourn 4:09 PM
 - 1st - Chris Shafer 2nd - Ron Skallerud all in favor - yes