

Forest County Economic Development Partnership Board Meeting Agenda February 27th, 2024 3:00 PM

Forest County Board Room

Attendance: Chris Shafer, Terry Lukas, Walley Laje, Mary Belland, Ron Skallerud, Kathy McLaughlin, Dick Popp, Cindy Gretzinger

- 1. Call Meeting to Order 3:00PM
- 2. Approval of Agenda

1st - Ron Skallerud 2nd - Chris Shafer All in Favor - Yes

3. Approval of 1/23/2023 Meeting Minutes

1st - Dick Popp 2nd - Chris Shafer All in Favor - Yes

- 4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Motion to transfer \$10,000 into a CD at the Laona State Bank.

1st - Ron Skallerud 2nd - Walley Laje All in Favor - Yes

b. Treasurer's Report Approval

1st - Ron Skallerud 2nd - Chris Shafer All in Favor - Yes

- 5. Director's report
 - a. CWED
 - i. Explanation of New CWED Start-Up Fund \$5000 to \$35000 3 year Loan
 - b. MOU
 - i. Discussion of MOU between FCEDP & County
 - ii. Chris is requesting to take this back to the Forest County Board to pay the \$20,000 in addition to \$25,000 going forward
 - iii. Terry will have to take it to finance and will bring it to a meeting in the summer of 2024
 - c. Tribal Broadband
 - i. Tribal Broadband Grant through BIA AJ Yarmon is working with Chris and Jason and will be submitted early March
- 6. Partner Reports
 - a. Economic Injury Disaster Loans
 - i. Discussion
 - b. Terry building meeting Kentuck Day and Art in the Square usage form was approved
 - c. Kathy McLaughlin Blackwell Job Corps
 - i. 90 Students, placements are going really well
 - ii. US Forest Service conservation trades are increasing
 - iii. Wild Land Fire 2 students are there now and are learning a lot and gaining many skills.
 - iv. Helicopter training
 - 1. Wild land fire, Jumping, training
 - v. Community Service



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- 1. Veterans 1st of Northeastern WI (Building Veteran Homes) in the Green Bay area.
- 2. April 30th Career Fair at the Blackwell Location Currently 40 Schools invited, expecting about 300 to 350 students to attend the event
- 3. Celebrating the 60th year, are looking form more summer and fall projects in the area
- 4. FCEDP Meeting at Blackwell Job Corps Campus August Meeting
- vi. Terry Forestry Meeting, groomers where is the money that is allotted to grooming miles, if there were a lot less grooming hours accumulated this year where do those funds go?
- 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. Enter in to Closed Session

1st - Ron Skallerud

2nd - Chris Shafer Roll Call -

Walley Laje - Yay, Cindy Gretzinger - Yay, Terry Lukas - Yay, Dick Popp - Yay

- Discussion on Loan Status
- 8. Reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session

1st - Chris Shafer

2nd - Ron Skallerud

All in Favor - Yes

- Closed Session Discussion, no action taken
- 9. Any other business
 - a. No other Business
- 10. Next Meeting
 - a. Tentative March 26th 3:00PM, Forest County Board Room

11. Adjourn 4:15PM

1st - Chris Shafer

2nd - Walley Laje

All in Favor - Yes