

OCT. 29<sup>TH</sup> ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING MINUTES

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON CAROL KORN AT 5:00.
2. PRESENT WAS DWAYNE LARSON, BOB BOYLE, PAUL GARTHWAITE, DAVE HALLORAN, TED WIEGEL, LUIS LOPEZ, AND MARY KNELLWOLF.
3. MOVED BY GARTHWAITE – 2<sup>ND</sup> BY WEIGEL TO APPROVE AGENDA. CARRIED.
4. MOVED BY WEIGEL – 2<sup>ND</sup> BY HALLORAN TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES. CARRIED.
5. WE WELCOMED MARY KNELLWOLF. SHE IS GOING TO WORK 12 HOURS A WEEK FOR ECO. DEV.
6. REVIEW CURRENT PROJECTS:

WISCONSIN WHEY WANT TO EXPAND THEIR LOAN BY \$100,000 AND ARE APPLYING FOR IT.

ARGYLE GROCERY STORE-IS NOT MOVING FORWARD. CURRENT OWNER IS BEHIND IN PROPERTY TAXES AND COUNTY WILL BE FORCLOSING FOR THEM NEXT YEAR.

NORSEMAN RESTAURANT-STILL IN PLANNING STAGE AND MORE TO COME LATER.

COUNTY INFO STAND- WAS PRESENTED TO SHULLSBURG 10-12-15 AND RECEIVED VERY POSITIVELY.

DARLINGTON ART TEACHER GREG BYKOWSKI IS WORKING ON INFO-STAND PROJECT.

8. THE LOCAL PAPER (REPUBLICAN JOURNAL) PRINTED A STORY ABOUT NEW OWNERS OF RIVERWOOD RESTAURANT AND THEIR OPERATION.

7. NEW PROJECTS:

INVESTOR FROM ROCKFORD IS INTERESTED IN STARTING A BUTCHER SHOP SPECIALIZING IN LATIN-AMERICAN MEATCUTS. HE'S LOOKING AT BUILDINGS ON MAIN STREET IN DARLINGTON NEXT WEEK.

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8. LUIS WENT TO HOMEMAKING MEETING AND GAVE THEM ADVISE ON HOW TO DOWNSIZE THEIR HOME. THERE WAS 14 LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRAINERS THAT ATTENDED. THE TRAINERS ARE GOING TO GIVE TALKS TO OTHER PEOPLE ON DOWNSIZING THEIR HOMES.

9. LUIS IS AIMING FOR A JAN 16<sup>TH</sup> DATE TO PUT TOGETHER DESIRED ITEMS THAT OUR WEB-SITE SHOULD CONTAIN. LUIS WILL BE BENCHMARKING, PRICING, APPROVING, AND DEPLOYING ITEMS FOR WEBSITE.

10. WE HAVE TO MODIFY THE LOAN APPLICATION TO ALLOW LOANS UP TO \$35,000 FROM \$20,000 FOR EACH NEW JOB CREATED FOR LOANS TO APPLICANTS. THIS IS NEW STATE

GUIDELINE.

11. WE ARE GOING TO OFFER \$100 A YEAR TO SUPPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS ASKING FOR \$1500 FOR 2016- WE GAVE THEN \$1000. LAST YEAR.

12 .LUIS IS LOOKING FOR IDEA'S TO EVALUATE HIS PERFORMANCE.

13. TOURISM IS BUSINESS OF PROVIDING HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PLACES OF INTEREST, ETC. FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TRAVELING. MARY IS GOING TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE FROM LAFAYETTE CO. TOWNS TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE AND HOW TO PROMOTE EACH OTHER. WE SHOULD HELP MARY WITH IDEAS.

14. UP COMING EVENTS:

11-3 INFO-STAND PRESENTATION TO DARLINGTON-----11-11 VETERANS DAY

11-16 RLF SEMIANNUAL CDBG REPORTING-----11-20 PROSPERITY SOUTHWEST WI. MEETING.

11-26 27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

15. WHATS HAPPENING AROUND COUNTY:

TWO NEW BUSINESSES IN SHULLSBURG - *The Bug* (DOYLE'S RESTAURANTS AND BUSINESS -- AND THEY ARE PLANNING A NEW HARDWARE STORE.

16. NEXT MEETING NOV. 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5PM.

17. MOVED BY HALLORAN 2<sup>ND</sup> BY WEIGEL TO ADJOURN. CARRIED.

MINUTE'S BY DWAYNE LARSON