



Board of Directors & Membership Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2016
Three Lakes High School FAB Lab
Three Lakes, Wisconsin

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Bishop, Sandy
Gehlhoff, Wendy
Kruse, Lee
Millan, Paul
Sorgel, Collette

Close, Angie
Gruner, Robyn
LaMue, Barb
Mueller, Kirk
Stark, Chris

Dehn, Deby
Heikkinen, Derek*
Levandoski, Jim
Oldham, Vicky
Tiala, Sylvia*

Egan, Bob
Jones, Dani
Luce, Roger
Ritter, Carolyn
Van Zile, Leah

Ferris, Mark
Karling, George
Maule, Ken
Sage, Lisa (Recorder)
Yahr, Steve

*via telephone

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Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order & Introductions	President Collette Sorgel called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.	Meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda as written (Bob Egan), seconded (Carolyn Ritter), all in favor; motion carried. Exhibit A	Motion Carried
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes from the Thursday, June 30, 2016 Special BOD Meeting as written (Ken Maule), seconded (Paul Millan), all in favor; motion carried. Exhibit B	Motion Carried
Financial Report	Treasurer Roger Luce distributed the Financial Report as of August 22, 2016. Exhibit C	
Administrative Issues	A. Refund: Town of Hiles Motion to authorize a dues refund of \$500 to the Township of Hiles (Bob Egan), seconded (Paul Millan), all in favor, motion carried.	Motion Carried
	B. Changes to Grow North Checking Account Motion to remove Angi Schreiber, former Executive Director, from the Grow North checking account and to add Collette Sorgel, President, as signatory (Ken Maule), seconded (Carolyn Ritter), all in favor, motion carried.	Motion Carried
	Motion to move checking account from Co-Vantage Credit Union to BMO Harris Bank and add Roger Luce, Treasurer, as co-signatory with Collette Sorgel, President (Ken Maule), seconded (Wendy Gehlhoff), all in favor, motion carried.	Motion Carried
FAB Lab Presentation & Tour	Dr. George Karling, Three Lakes School District Administrator, gave a brief background and some information about the Three Lakes FAB Lab. Following was Dr. Steve Yahr, FAB Lab Director, who shared additional information and gave a tour of the lab. The FAB Lab has become an asset to not only Three Lakes, but the entire State of Wisconsin as a training center. Dr. Sylvia Tiala, UW-Stout, also shared information about the FAB Lab's successes.	

<p>County Updates</p>	<p>Florence County- Wendy Gehlhoff Florence County is hosting sustainability and forestry events with a focus on career development. They are establishing a local producers group in conjunction with their new FAB Lab and hope to eventually have a website for online sales as well as a retail store/consignment shop.</p> <p>Forest County- Paul Millan Paul introduced Lee Kruse, who is still learning his way around the job. They have their Off-Road Weekend coming up and are looking forward to hosting 50-70,000 people. They continue to work on their Good Neighbor Authority project. Hometown Trolley is looking to expand.</p> <p>Langlade County- Angie Close Langlade is offering their second annual entrepreneurship training course and looking forward to opening an Entrepreneurial Center. Dan Lemmer with SBDC is now in Langlade every second Tuesday of the month and Forward Services is utilizing their office as well. They are pleased to be a local resource.</p> <p>Oneida County- Roger Luce The Broadband Committee continues to be very active and have been invited to join the state Rural Broadband committee. Both new and upgraded towers will be opening soon. In other news, there will be soon a press release sharing exciting news about an upcoming manufacturing project involving the former Printpack building.</p> <p>Vilas County- Bob Egan The incubators are doing well; between the three, they have 10 businesses in place and two more looking to move in. There is a new entrepreneurial class beginning in September. Out of the 53 graduates, 26 have either started or expanded their businesses and others are still researching. The former Nagle mill in Land O' Lakes has its environmental issues resolved and two businesses are considering moving into part of the facility.</p>	
<p>Other Updates</p>	<p>WEDC- Barb LaMue Barb updated members on the status of current year grants. Fiscal Year 2017 brings with it the base grant of \$50,000, dispersed in four payments of \$12,500 per quarter. There are other potential grants available, such as a \$5,000 co-branding grant to align branding with WEDC standards, as well as capacity building grants.</p> <p>Upcoming WEDC sessions of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEDC Roundtable Series, 9/6/16 from 1-4 pm at the Wood Technology Center in Antigo. All are invited to attend. • Key Strategic Partners (KSP) Visioning Session in Madison on 9/8/16; one representative is welcome to attend. Collette plans to attend. <p><i>Motion to approve travel expenses and fees for Collette Sorgel to attend WEDC, regional leadership council, and other similar meetings (Roger Luce), seconded (Bob Egan), all in favor, motion carried.</i></p>	<p>Motion Carried</p>

	<p>WHEDA- Deby Dehn WHEDA is seeking new market tax credit projects such as commercial development loans for potential agricultural or manufacturing ventures in certain specific distressed markets. Contact Deby at WHEDA for more information.</p> <p>Key Initiative Updates Roger Luce offered to chair the Broadband Committee; Chris Stark will co-chair. Angie Close offered to chair the PR/Marketing Committee; Collette will co-chair. Sandy Bishop offered to work with Derek Heikkinen on the Workforce Development committee. Wendy Gehlhoff will be working with Collin Buntrock on the Rail/Forestry Committee.</p> <p>Collette asked members to begin thinking about a vision and action plan for the next year.</p>	
Meeting Date	<p>The next BOD meeting will be held November 4, 2016 from 10 am- 12:30 pm at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. More information to follow. Plan to spend the first half hour talking about key initiatives and the work being done, with the BOD meeting to follow.</p> <p>The Executive Committee will meet in October & December.</p>	
Adjourn	<p><i>Motion to adjourn (Angie Close), seconded (Bob Egan), all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.</i></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM</p>

Next meeting:

BOD Meeting
 Friday, November 4, 2016 from 10 am – 12:30 pm
 Nicolet College, Rhinelander