

Agenda for the Monthly Meeting of the
BARABOO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (“BEDC”)

MEMBERS

not
attending
must notify
the
Chairperson
at least 24
hours before
the meeting.

Date and Time: **Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **City Hall, Council Chambers, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo**

Members Noticed: Nanci Caflisch - Chair, Dave Johnson – Vice-Chair, Carolyn Wastlund – Secretary, Musa Ayar, Jason Kent, Karen Kothbauer, Lori Mueller, Rob Nelson, Beth Persche, Laura Walczak, Ed White

Others Noticed: Casey Bradley, Brenda Zeman, Mike Hardy, Tom Pinion, Jim Michaels, Mark Schauf, Kevin Stieve, Jessica Bergin, Jenny Erickson, Baraboo Chamber of Commerce President, Patrick Cannon, and the Media

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND NOTE COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

2. ROLLCALL OF MEMBERSHIP

3. APPROVE April 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

4. APPROVE AGENDA

5. PRESENTATION

None

6. ACTION ITEMS

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Consideration and discussion of creating future goals and responsibilities for BEDC, including the grant from Economic Development Authority.
- b. Consideration and discussion of changing scheduled meeting times for BEDC
- c. City updates and discussion regarding economic development:
 - i. City Council/Plan Commission Updates
- d. Updates from Commissioners and their representative entities:
 - i. Baraboo Area School District:
 - ii. Banking:
 1. Financial Trends
 2. Local Lending Activity
 - iii. Agriculture:
 1. Commodity Market Trends

- 2. Local Agriculture Market

- iv. Chamber of Commerce:
 - 1. Update on Chamber Project & Events

- v. Higher Education:
 - 1. Update on Merger Transition
 - 2. Update on Upcoming Course Offerings

- vi. Environment:

- vii. Village of West Baraboo:
 - 1. Update on Economic Development projects in the Village

- viii. St. Clare Hospital:

- ix. Sauk County:
 - 1. Update on County Board Economic Development Activities

- x. Sauk County Development Corporation:
 - 1. Update on SCDC Economic Development Activities

- xi. Manufacturing:

- xii. Community Development Authority:
 - 1. Loans
 - 2. Housing Activity

8. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda prepared by Patrick Cannon on 4/27/2021 and posted by DMM on 4/29/2021

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Baraboo Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021

I. Call Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Chairperson Caflich called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

II. Roll Call of Membership

Present: Caflich, Johnson Ayar, Kathbauer, Palm, Persche

Absent: Kent, Walczak, Wastlund, White

Other: Patrick Cannon

Public: Rob Nelson

III. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for February 4, 2020

Johnson (1); Palm (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda as presented

Johnson (1); Ayar (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

V. Presentation

Introduction of Karen Kathbauer, newest member of BEDC

VI. Action Items

None

VII. Information/Discussion Items

a. Consideration and discussion of creating future goals and responsibilities for BEDC, including the grant from Economic Development Authority.

Staff noted that the City has not received an official notification on the grant application.

Therefore, staff requested that no action be taken on this item until the official notification is received.

No action was taken.

b. Consideration and discussion of a proposed Tax Incremental District (TID#12) on the eastside.

Staff updated the BEDC members of the creation of a new TID district on the eastside of Baraboo. Staff has been working with a Developer on a potential project that will require an economic development incentive from the district.

c. Review and discuss BEDC tour schedule of local businesses

The Commission would like to hold on tours at this time due to COVID-19.

d. Updates on Development Activities

- Mayor Palm updated on the following:

- The new apartment complex is proceeding with the weather permitting

- A proposed retreat center is being proposed at the site of Wil Apples
- The City is still in discussion for the development of a hotel

e. Commissioners and their representative entities

- New Superintendent, Dr. Rainey Briggs was unable to attend tonight's meeting
- Mr. Johnson gave an update on the agriculture industry as it seeks to rebound from Covid-19
- Ms. Caflisch gave an update on Chamber activities. There will not be a Big Top parade this year. They will have a Parade of Elephants instead.
- Dr. Ayar updated the Board on the College. They are doing well with the pandemic. Next year they will have 75% of classes as face to face. The vaccine has not been mandated, but it is being strongly recommended
- Ms. Persche updated on the actions of the environmental group within Baraboo. She also updated the Board on the solar project planned for the airport.
- Mr. Nelson updated the Board on the actions of the County Board. Sauk County is to receive \$12,000,000 from the latest Federal Stimulus Recovery action.
- Staff gave a brief update on the actions of the Community Development Authority

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:27pm.

Palm (1); Persche (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Nanci Caflisch
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon
Recorder