



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 6:15 pm

Village Municipal Building Meeting Room

1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

### MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Chair Hodson at 6:16 p.m.
2. **Roll Call of the Economic Development Committee and Confirmation of Quorum.** Upon roll call present: Hodson, Brammerson, Riel, Glunn, Moyer and Antonie. Quorum present. Absent: Scott and Sinz. Also present: ACT Benish
3. **Proof of Posting:** A copy of the notice was delivered to the following on 1/14/2022 faxed to the Star News; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building and Black Earth Post Office, posted on the Black Earth Web Page ([www.blackearthwisconsin.com](http://www.blackearthwisconsin.com)) and faxed for posting to the State Bank of Cross Plains – Black Earth Branch. Duly Noticed.
4. **Approval of prior meeting minutes dated December 15, 2021.** Antonie/Brammerson motioned to approve minutes as presented. Motion approved.
5. **Business/Community Development Report.** No report
6. **Old Business.** (*M. Scott arrived via Zoom at 6:20 p.m.*)
  - a. **Business Questionnaire:** Antonie supplied a list of 5 questions for consideration. Discussion: Establish what Village can offer before making visits; Business list discussion of “front facing” or “in home” as well; Riel asked what the goal of this is; M. Scott discussed Chamber meeting – tiers of the Chamber-Ties to Peter’s questions- questions she asked when she ran for trustee; Chamber issues are not that of the ED committee. Hodson asked Scott if she could forward her list of questions to Shellie; Glunn stated questions inquiring about specific individuals is not right and focus should be on the business. Keep Question 4 re-word “What can the Village do to help you?” Strike question 5 on Chamber support.
  - b. **Business Visit list/assignments.** ACT Benish handed our modified Chamber Business list. Modified to remove duplicates or Village staff listed. Hodson stated business list establish and questions first, next meeting visits assignments. Initially, should be Black Earth Village businesses first. Send out business list to EDC, EDC review list and send any changes/additions that may be needed.
7. **New Business/Committee Reports.**
  - a. **Chamber:** Glunn announced her term along with K. Ferrie is up on the Chamber. They are done as of Jan. 31. Chamber will be under new guidance moving forward. Miles Varichak will take over as Chamber President Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>; volunteers have stepped up to keep Chamber going; Chamber President is who sits on EDC for Village.
  - b. **Gateway to Driftless:** Antonie provided written report to committee. Gateway authorized drafting a letter to Dane County Parks on trail connection support and establishing partnership to keep trail moving forward; federal grant monies may be available for Econ. Dev. Projects; Groundswell meeting coming up on trail project related work and new member.
8. **Any Other Business That May Be Brought before the Board on future agendas.** Business list and assignments.
9. **Setting of Next Meeting.** Feb. 16, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.
10. **Adjournment of Economic Development Committee Meeting.** Moyer/Antonie motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shellie Benish, WCMC  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer