

ECONOMIC, RESOURCE AND TOURISM

May 15, 2012

The Economic, Resource and Tourism Committee met on May 15, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 266 on Second Floor of the Administration Building pursuant to the last meeting of March 20, 2012.

Members present: Robert Scallon, John Beinborn, Vern Lewison, Carol Beals and Grant Loy. Larry Wolf, County Board Chair, Ron Brisbois, Economic Development and Todd Johnson, Extension Comm. Resource Agent was present also.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chair Larry Wolf. The County Clerk, Linda K. Gebhard verified that the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law, published in the Herald Independent and posted in two places.

Election of Officers: Larry Wolf, Chair asked for nominations for the Chair position of Economic, Resource and Tourism, three times asked. Vern Lewison nominated John Beinborn, seconded by Robert Scallon. Grant Loy, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion to close nominations for Chair and elect John Beinborn by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

John Beinborn asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair, asking three times. Carol Beals nominated Grant Loy. Vern Lewison, seconded by Carol Beals made a motion to close nominations and elect Grant Loy by a unanimous vote for the position of Vice Chair. Motion carried.

John Beinborn asked for nominations for the position of Secretary, asking three times. Robert Scallon nominated Carol Beals. Vern Lewison, seconded by Grant Loy, made a motion to close nominations and elect Carol Beals by a unanimous vote for the position of Secretary. Motion carried.

Grant Loy, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20 2012. Motion carried.

Revolving Loan Application: Ron Brisbois, Economic Development, presented the Revolving Loan Applicant. Allegiant Oil will be expanding their petroleum distribution business in Lancaster. The loan would be for \$25,000 at 3% for 5 years. Personal guarantee and mortgage lien on the Lancaster property will be the collateral. Three new jobs will be created. Total project is approximately \$700,000. Vern Lewison, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion to recommend the application be presented to the full County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Snowmobile Resolution: Todd Johnson, Extension Comm. Agent presented the following Resolution to the committee for their recommendation. The DNR would like to have a more current Resolution for the Snowmobile Trails for Grant County.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC FUNDING FOR
SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

WHEREAS, Grant County is interested in sponsoring the maintaining, acquiring, insuring of the lands for public snowmobile trail use; and,

WHEREAS, said public snowmobile trails are eligible for funds under s. 23.09(26), Stats.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Grant County apply for funds under s 23.09(26) Stats., for such eligible maintenance, acquisition and insurance and hereby authorizes the Grant County Economic, Tourism, and Resource Committee of Grant County to act on behalf of Grant County to: Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; contact person will be the County Resource Agent, Mr. Todd Johnson; and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project. Presented and recommended for passage on this 15th day of May, 2012, by the Economic, Tourism, and Resource Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Robert Scallon, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion to recommend that the Snowmobile Trail Resolution be brought before the full County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.

Tourism Grant Application: Todd Johnson reviewed and distributed grant applications for the committee to review. He had implemented some changes in the application to make the process easier. He explained the process to the committee. John Beinborn, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion to give Todd Johnson the go ahead to change the application with the previously discussed changes. Motion carried.

Old/New Business: The committee discussed the methods of distribution of the Hidden Valley magazine throughout the county.

Adjournment: Carol Beals, seconded by Robert Scallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the call of the chair. Motion carried.