

ECONOMIC, RESOURCE AND TOURISM

December 18, 2012

The Economic, Resource and Tourism Committee met on December 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 on Second Floor of the Administration Building pursuant to the last meeting of July 24, 2012.

Members present: Robert Scallon, John Beinborn, Vern Lewison, Carol Beals and Grant Loy. Ron Brisbois, Economic Development was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Beinborn. 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.

Grant Loy, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Grant Loy, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2012. Motion carried.

Revise County Revolving Loan Manual: Ron Brisbois, Economic Development, informed the committee that he had received a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Administration. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has completed its annual monitoring of Wisconsin's CDBG programs. HUD identified modifications that must be made when administering CDBG programs. To comply with this regulatory requirement, all contracts and manuals must contain the following language:

- “LMI Persons” means persons with household income less than 80% of the median household income by family size in the County where the Project is located.
- “Made Available to LMI Person” means the Borrower will document that at least 51% LMI Persons were hired or received first consideration by interviewing at least 51% LMI Persons for created positions that do not require special skills or education beyond high school.
- “Received First Consideration” means the Borrower must document and use a hiring practice that results in at least 51% LMI Persons interviewed for created position and demonstrate that under usual circumstances this hiring practice will result in at least 51% LMI person being hired. Part of the Borrower's hiring practice must include the posting of available positions with the local Job Service Office or Workforce Development Boards.
- Every applicant for an employment position associated with the Project must complete the self-certified form.
- “The Borrower certified it is and will maintain compliance with CDBG Anti-Piracy regulations as stated in 24 CFR 570.482 (h). Violation of this regulation will constitute an Event of Default.”

Vern Lewison, seconded by Carol Beals made a motion to recommend to the full County Board the approval of the added language in the CDBG Manual to comply with the regulatory requirements the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has set. Motion carried.

Old Business: Grant Loy updated the committee regarding Tourism Board in Grant County. In 1997 the Grant County Board of Supervisors created this Board with a budget of \$2500.00 to promote tourism in Grant County. Todd Johnson, Comm. Resource Development Agent has been holding marketing workshops in Grant County to help improve tourism marketing skills. The goal is to have the Tourism Board included in the Grant County Budget as its own line item.

New Business: John Beinborn, Chair stated that the new Grant Proposals will be ready to send out in January.

Public Comment: None

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