



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM COMMITTEE
MARINETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008 - POSTED FOR 9:00 A.M.
MARINETTE COUNTY BOARD RM., 3RD FLOOR, COURTHOUSE

Members Present: Supervisors Bousley, Casper, Jungblut, Mans, and Kaufman
Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mary Johns, Exec. Dir., Marinette/Menominee Chamber; Don Clewley, Exec. Dir., Marinette County Association for Business and Industry; Paul Putnam, UWEX Community, Natural Resource & Economic Dev. Educator; Mayor Robert Harbick, City of Marinette; Nancy Servais, UWEX secretary; and, Shirley Prudhomme, Peshtigo Times

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bousley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

Motion (Kaufman/Jungblut) to approve the agenda and addendum with a change of moving Item #7 (about action needed for a resolution) to follow Item #3's approval of minutes. Motion carried. No negative vote.

3. APPROVE/AMEND MINUTES

Motion (Casper/Jungblut) to approve the minutes of January 11 and January 29, 2008 as written. Motion carried. No negative vote.

4. DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN LOWERING THE HUNTING AGE AS REFERRED TO IN ASSEMBLY BILL 672. ACTION NEEDED TO FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD (ITEM #7 ON AGENDA)

Motion (Casper/Kaufman) to approve forwarding this resolution to County Board. Motion carried. No negative vote.

5. REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE & CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/MEETINGS. ACTION, IF ANY (ITEM #4 ON AGENDA)

- a. Casper and Bousley reported on the 2008 Governor's Conference on Economic Development, which was held February 7-8, in Madison.
- b. Don Clewley attended the UP Economic Development Alliance Meeting, in Marquette, on January 17. The focus of the meeting was on mining in the Upper Peninsula.

- c. **Motion** (Casper/Jungblut) to authorize any member wishing to attend the Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism, March 2-4, in Lake Geneva. Motion carried. No negative vote.
 - d. **Motion** (Mans/Kaufman) to authorize any member wishing to attend the NE Wisconsin Global Trace Conference, March 18, in Appleton. Motion carried. No negative vote.
 - e. Members were reminded of the Building Communities Workshop following the meeting.
6. DISCUSS CLOSURE OF MILL IN NIAGARA (AGENDA ITEM #5)

This item was previously discussed as part of the report on a session attended at the Governor's Conference on Economic Development about surviving a plant closing. Paul Putnam also gave a brief update.

- a. ADDENDUM: DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR POSSIBLE TRIP BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM COMMITTEE CHAIR TO WASHINGTON D.C., ON FEBRUARY 25, 2008. ACTION NEEDED. (ADDENDUM #5A)

Motion (Casper/Kaufman) to authorize the Committee Chair to travel to Washington D.C., on February 25, 2008. Motion carried. No negative vote.

7. REVIEW QUARTERLY REPORT ON FINANCIAL RECAP OF CDBG REVOLVING LOAN FUND. ACTION, IF ANY (AGENDA ITEM #6)

Motion (Mans/Casper) to table this item until next month's meeting. Motion carried. No negative vote.

At this time (9:30 a.m.), Supervisor Casper was excused from the meeting.

8. UPDATE ABOUT HIGHWAY PROJECTS

The status of various projects were briefly discussed.

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS. ACTION NEEDED

Motion (Jungblut/Kaufman) to approve the Tourism Alliance schedule of vouchers as of February 15 totaling \$3,158.24. Motion carried. No negative vote. Casper absent.

10. CITY OF MARINETTE REPORT

Mayor Harbick reported on business projects and inquiries.

11. REPORT ON MARINETTE COUNTY TOURISM ALLIANCE

Mary Johns gave a brief update.

12. MARINETTE/MENOMINEE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Johns updated members on various projects and events, of which includes the Chamber Tourism Committee working on a points of interest brochure of the area and the Chamber & MCABI are reviving the entrepreneur and inventors club.

13. MARINETTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPORT

Clewley reported there will be a Sustainable Forestry Conference, April 17, in Florence. Plans are being made to have another Northwoods Economic Summit.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

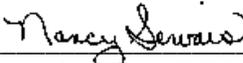
The Sustainable Forestry Conference will be included on the next agenda.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next meeting date will be Friday, March 14, in the County Board Room, at 9 am.

16. ADJOURN

Motion (Mans/Jungblut) to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. Motion carried. No negative vote. Casper absent.



Nancy Servais, UWEX secretary