

**"Expand the Tax Base and Create New Jobs"**  
**Washburn County Economic Development Corporation**  
**MEETING – Wednesday October 26, 2016**

President Klassa called the meeting to order at 730am at the Washburn County Economic Development office located at 208 Vine Street, Spooner, WI. 54801.

**Present:** Tom Klassa, Lance Ausing, Jim Dohm, Ken Schultz, Mike Bobin, Romaine Quinn, and Jim Bethel,

**Absent:** Bill Marx, Virginia Hurckman, and Rob Paine.

**Others Present:** Margie Quinn, Joel Zimmerman

**Concerned Citizens:**

**Agenda Approval:** Ken Schultz made a motion to accept and approve the agenda, Jim Dohm 2<sup>nd</sup>. M.C. by unanimous vote.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes on September 28th, 2016.** Jim Dohm made a motion to approve amended minutes from September 28th, 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Romaine Quinn M.C. Unanimous vote.

Presentation- No show

**Treasurer's Report** – Jim Bethel read the monthly Treasurer's report. Jim reported on the monthly bills. The total expense for October 2016 was \$12088.59 with payroll. Leaving a checking account balance of \$68603.46 and reported WCEDC received the 4th qtr. subsidy from WC. The additional \$9648.18 in the CD accounts to be used for marketing expenses, Web Site, and for business plan development and expenses. RMAP fund is in the amount of \$7627.19. Total available funds are \$76070.38. Marge Quinn has provided board members with a Treasurer Report, P&L, detail from QB and a balance excel spreadsheet for the annual income with expenses for September and October, 2016. Ken Schultz made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report and pay all bills as noted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Dohm. Concerns/discussions on Attorney Benson representing WCEDC. M.C. by unanimous vote.

**Correspondence Received**- None

Director Report – Joel Zimmerman

We currently have 15 loan inquiries in various stages.

- One loan has been approved by IDA and should close shortly.
- I accepted an invitation to The Jack Link's Aquatic & Activity Center groundbreaking ceremony for Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- I met with the Minong Library Board to try to help find solutions for their accreditation.
- I toured the Fab Lab at Northwoods School where they have now opened it up to the public on certain dates. Of note, while many Fab Labs charge the public, their philosophy is that it is already tax payer funded, so the community should be able to use it. The training the students get in the classroom and the opportunity to teach the public how to use the equipment is invaluable.
- I met with Krista Paulus from impact seven, and discussed how to help each other out when possible. She also sits on a board looking into bringing a Fab Lab to Birchwood and I put her in contact with Northwoods to collaborate on their efforts.
- The contest came to a close, with 7 entries, all of which were good ideas. At this moment, the results are not public knowledge as I'm waiting for photographs from two of the winners so I can send out the