

Iron County Economic Development and Legislative Committee

Minutes of the February 26, 2015 Meeting
at Iron County Courthouse

Present: Larry Youngs, Scott Erickson, Joe Pinardi, Jim Kichak and Vic Ouimette

Absent: Larry Erickson

Guests Present: Kelly Klein (ICDZC),

Agenda Item	Action Taken
1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 4pm	
2. Roll Call: Larry Erickson absent	
3. Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Klein said the meeting was posted	
4. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Youngs to approve the minutes, Pinardi seconded it. M/C	Approved
5. Discuss Business Plan Contest: Klein reported on plans for the contest and handed out materials that will be used for potential contestants. Klein and Vic reported they are assembling a judge/trainer group for the contest. A motion was made by Scott Erickson supported by Youngs to approve proceeding with the contest.	Approved final costs for 2014
6. Visions Northwest Update: Klein reported that the regional economic development group has worked on a strategic plan to identify projects. Those projects include infrastructure analysis, workforce analysis and forest products development.	
7. Broadband Update: Klein reported the Broadband Committee has been active in studying the areas infrastructure. The Committee has completed the demand survey and are now mapping out the results in order to make a case for providers to increase service and to make a case for grant applications.	
8. Other Business: Klein reported the ICRDA has made a donation to Northwood's Manufacturing as this program is not only training employees for our area, it is creating a culture for business start ups. Klein also reported the there will be a rail shipper survey done this summer for potential shippers across northern Wisconsin. Klein said Iron County has three potential shippers. Vic reported he might attend the Governors Conference on Tourism. He also said Mercer has been recognized as being in the top 20 cool places to live. Vic passed out the new Mercer Visitor guide and the Bikenomics book. Vic also reported that a new silent sports group has been formed called ICORE. Pinardi suggested the committee also take a role in discussing mining, as it is the biggest economic development opportunity in 50 years.	
9 Adjourn: A motion was made by Erickson, supported by Kichak to adjourn. M/C	

Kelly Klein. 2/27/2015