

## IRON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Iron County Courthouse

Wednesday, March 24, 2025

**Approved:** *Minutes were approved at the May 7, 2025 regular committee meeting with amendments as shown below.*

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Larry Youngs.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
3. **Acknowledge proper meeting posting:** Joseph Miller acknowledged.
4. **Roll Call:**  
*No Roll Call ~~taken~~ recorded—attendance will be taken via sign-in sheet moving forward.*
5. **Public Comment:**  
*None.*
6. **Approve February 26, 2025 Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes:**  
Motion by Doucette, seconded by Francis. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Appointment to Visions Northwest committee.**  
Info on NWRPC Visions Northwest Committee. Motion to appoint Brooke Gilbertson made by Francis, second by Saari. Vote carried unanimously.
8. **Appointment to NWRPC Revolving Loan Fund.**  
~~Info on NWRPC Revolving Loan Fund. Motion to appoint Julie Doucette made by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_. Vote carried unanimously. Motion made and second received, but neither was recorded. Vote to be retaken and recorded at May meeting.~~
9. **Discuss next steps for Wisconsin Rural Entrepreneurial Ventures (WI REV) program**  
Hurley was selected to begin the next cohort of UW-Extension's Wisconsin Rural Entrepreneurial Ventures program. Members of the core team were identified (Saari, Doucette, B. Gilbertson, N. Gilbertson, Boes, Francis, Hill, and Pusateri), information was provided on Extension's Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities conference in Wisconsin Rapids. Joseph will attend coaches training and kickoff meeting will be determined by core team schedules.
10. **Information update on Broadband expansion and BEAD funding**

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose, history, and current uncertainty of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program. An update on the federal grant-funded program was shared by Miller, provided by UW-Extension's statewide Broadband Team.

**11. Discuss potential research question(s) for Iron County housing study**

Discussion ensued regarding local and regional housing developments, tiny homes, recent spec developments in Ironwood, the Impact Hurley-HOMES project, and an informal housing study meeting with Rural LISC. Miller shared pertinent questions posed by Iron County Zoning Administrator Erika Roeder.

**12. Information update on Iron County website**

Contract signed with CivicPlus, work will begin soon. Committee will need to designate a web team to determine content needs and generate or source as appropriate.

**13. Select topic for April presentation**

Interest expressed in several presentation topics, next meeting's agenda will reflect.

**14. Set recurring meeting date and time:**

The committee selected the first Wednesday of each month, beginning May 7, 2025.

**15. Meeting adjourned** at 7:30 pm by Larry Youngs.

*Minutes recorded by Joseph Miller; reviewed by Rebecca Holm.*