

Clark County Board of Supervisors  
Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Fred Schindler at 3:40pm in the offices of CCEDC – Loyal. Present were Fred Schindler, Randy Sebesta, Gordon Haselow and Diane Feiten. Also present were Tim Swiggum, Chuck Rueth, Jerome Krempasky, Peter Kaz and Sheila Nyberg - Clark County Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Bureau (CCEDC&TB) Executive Director. The minutes of the July 24, 2018 regular meeting were approved as printed. M/S/C – Diane Feiten/Gordon Haselow.

Clark County won the BID to host Farm Technology Days 2022 so a great amount of discussion on WI Farm Technology Days were held. Chuck Rueth and Randy Sebesta are working to set up the Executive Committee for CC-FTD 2022. They have 4 crucial top positions and 18 total positions to fill. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> they will go to Madison for a meeting about FTD. Richard Halopka of Extension is also involved. They are also working on forming fundraising committee to get seed money for CC-FTD 2022. Goal is to have CCEDC as source of doing this – and 3 top reasons were presented/discussed. The host site would be chosen by October 2019 and the 2022 FTD will be Dairy so need a large space for tent city, a farm and crop rotation. It was determined that there would be no conflict raising dollars for FTD at the same time the Fairgrounds Revitalization is raising funds – these 2 could actually compliment each other if we do it right. Plus, it was pointed out that the end proceeds from FTD could possibly be helpful to the Fairgrounds continued Revitalization. The county will be very involved in the CC-FTD 2022 effort.

Sheila presented updates on projects in Clark: May 23, 2019 Tri-County Rail Road Team meeting to discuss rail services to businesses from Spencer to Medford, Mentioned the Neillsville Improvement Corp. Rails 2 Trails Project uniting Neillsville, Granton and Chili along old rail bed, Updates on Shopko Closures and their pharmacies, New Medical Campus – Economic Impact Study being done, Cities working on TIF's and updating plans, New group called Clark County Friends of the Black River started – with Adam Marciniak as the organizer/leader. A new 2020 Clark County Visitor Guide is being produced and great 24/7/365 Quality of Life along with great health care and our wonderful communities plus the Highground Veterans Memorial Tribute and our attraction of Young Professionals are some of the focus.

Sales tax incomes and unemployment numbers were shared.

Next meeting scheduled for May 23, 2019 at 3:30PM

M/S/C Gordon Haselow/Randy Sebesta to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.