

Winnebago County Industrial Development Board

Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2011 meeting

Human Resources Conference Room, County Admin. Bldg., 112 Otter St., Oshkosh, WI

Board Members Present: Stan Kline, Dave Albrecht, Tim Hamblin, Ken Robl, George Dearborn, Mary Krueger, Mark Harris, Steve Volkert, Elizabeth Hartmann

Excused: Kathy Lennon, John Bodnar

Others Present: Jerry Bougie, Doug Zellmer, Representatives of Shallbetter Properties (Switchgear Power Systems).

Meeting called to order by Stan Kline at 1:31 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2011 meeting.

Motion by Dave Albrecht to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Ken Robl. Motion passed 8-0.

Elizabeth Hartmann arrived at the meeting.

2. Report on Revolving Loan Fund.

The current available balance of the IDB fund was reported to be \$605,679. The next significant scheduled payback is the City of Menasha Loan for \$1.3 million due in August 2012. It was also reported that the IDB's CDBG-ED fund currently has \$278,528 available to loan out. All outstanding loans were reported as current for both loan funds.

3. Review and Action on \$600,000 Village of Winneconne Loan request for Shallbetter Properties.

Steve Volkert summarized the loan request. He distributed handouts that documented that the Village will secure the loan with the Village's taxing authority, and distributed another handout confirming the business has adequate financing capability to invest in the project. The loan will allow Shallbetter (DBA Switchgear Power Systems) to expand their facility by 10,000 s.f. and additional employment will result from it. Representatives of Shallbetter reported that Switchgear Power systems requires more space, as their business is doing very well and is back-loaded with orders. They cited examples of large businesses they are manufacturing parts for.

Discussion pursued by the Board. It was felt that in the future the IDB may want to look more closely at the debt and borrowing limits of municipalities. The concern is that municipalities are coming under greater levy constraints that may make securing loans with their taxing authority no longer workable in some cases. Stan Kline wanted this issue to be discussed at the next IDB meeting. The Board further discussed drawing down the available loan balance to minimal levels which would make the fund unavailable for an extended period of time. It was discussed

that this is basically what the fund is for, to have the dollars out working for businesses and creating jobs and tax base. In addition some dollars would be heading back into the fund over the next year or so to replenish it.

Dave Albrecht moved to approve the \$600,000 loan request to the Village of Winneconne as submitted and to send it onto County Board for approval. Motion seconded by Ken Robl. Motion passed 8-0 with Steve Volkert abstaining.

Stan Kline requested Jerry Bougie to provide a list of all past loans at the next IDB meeting.

Motion by Ken Robl, seconded by Mary Krueger to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Submitted by,

Jerry Bougie,
Planning Director