

Green County Development Corporation Board Minutes
Thursday, July 15, 2021
Via Zoom Call

1. **Attendance:** Nikki Matley (Thrivent Financial), Matt Urban (Blackhawk Technical College - BTC), Tom Johnson (Monroe Truck Equipment), Ron Schaaf (Bank of New Glarus), Beth Luchsinger (County Board), Doug Sutter (Keller), Donna Douglas (City of Monroe), Richard Thoman (AmericInn, County Board, City of Monroe), Mike Williams (Colony Brands), Joan Rufenacht (County Board), Dave Mosher (Mosher & Associates), Karen Schmitt (representing Dr. Pierner from Blackhawk Technical College), Rick Waski (School District of Monroe), Calvin Boldebuck (Congressman Pocan's office), Cara Carper (Green County Development Corporation).
2. **Call to Order:** President Nikki Matley called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.
3. **Introduction of all on the call:** All participants on the call were named.
4. **Approval of the Agenda, Minutes (June 17, 2021) and Financials:** Motion by Matt Urban; second by Ron Schaaf. Motions carried.
5. **Discussion regarding virtual or in person for the August GCDC meeting:** Matt Urban offered Blackhawk Technical College for the August meeting to provide an opportunity for a hybrid model: in-person and virtual. (And it will give everyone a chance to see the snazzy technology opportunities BTC has for MyEdChoice learning.) The Board agreed that having choice is a good thing at this point. We will meet at BTC for the August GCDC meeting (in person or Zoom, you pick).
6. **Staff Update:** Cara provided an update to her written report.
 - a. Growth Opportunity Fund (new loan application was considered Monday)
 - b. Childcare Initiatives (ongoing)
 - c. New WEDC grants received (\$100,000 for Childcare Business Accelerator and \$48,900 for Community Kitchen Co-op) <https://www.communitykitchen.coop/>
 - d. American Rescue Plan (presentations for county board, department heads and local elected officials coming up in August)
 - e. Broadband (county board established a new county committee re: Broadband; Bug Tussel is applying for a grant by July 27)
 - f. Green County Leaders (2021-2022 year will be flexible with a focus on helping people work with others they don't agree with – through Braver Angels)
7. **Community Roundtable/Partner Reports/Board member Business for the Good of the Order:** Each member provided an update from their business/community.
8. **Next Meeting:** The next GCDC Board meeting will be Thursday, August 19 at Blackhawk Technical College Monroe Campus (in person and hybrid).
9. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Donna Douglas, second by Dave Mosher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:22 am.