

Green County Development Corporation Board Notes
Thursday, March 18, 2021
Via Zoom Call

1. **Attendance:** Nikki Matley (Thrivent Financial), Matt Urban (Blackhawk Technical College), John McNeil (Big Radio), Brian Wilson (Village of Belleville), Becky Olson (Village of Belleville), Ron Schaaf (Bank of New Glarus/Sugar River Bank), Joan Rufenacht (County Board), David Mosher (Mosher & Associates), Mike Sanders (1000 Partners), Beth Luchsinger (County Board), Jane Curran-Meuli (Monroe Clinic), Doug Sutter (Keller), Donna Douglas (City of Monroe), Tom Johnson (Monroe Truck Equipment), Richard Thoman (AmericInn, County Board, City of Monroe), Mike Williams (Colony Brands), April Fuhr (Village of Monticello), Luke Buholzer (Klondike Cheese Company), Dave Lothspeich (City of Monroe), Karen Schmitt (for Dr. Pierner, Blackhawk Technical College), Rick Waski (Monroe School District), Melissa Even (Monroe Chamber), Senator Janis Ringhand, Calvin Boldebuck (Senator Mark Pocan’s office), Cara Carper (Green County Development Corporation).
2. **Call to Order:** President Nikki Matley called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.
3. **Introduction of all on the call:** President Nikki named all participants on the call.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Matt Urban; second by Dave Mosher. Motion carried.
5. **Welcome to the GCDC 2020 Annual Meeting!**
 - a. Thank you!
 - b. Annual Report
 - c. 2020 Review
 - d. 2021 Goals
 - e. Adjourn Annual Meeting and continue GCDC Board meeting
6. **Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2021:** Motion by Joan Rufenacht; second by Jane Curran-Meuli. Motion carried.
7. **Approval of Financial Report – February/March 2021:** Motion by Dave Mosher; second by Joan Rufenacht. Motion carried.
8. **Staff Update:** Cara provided an update to her written report.
 - a. Childcare
 - i. Childcare Business Boot Camp: Three classes completed with 14 participants including 2 people who speak Spanish. Five classes yet to go.
 - ii. Childcare Business Mentoring Program: So far 2 people have signed up to be mentors. Orientation for mentors planned for later this month.
 - iii. Childcare Mental Health Consultation and professional development workshops: Ten facilities are interest. Announcement of workshops coming soon.
 - iv. Funding “ask” – (Boot Camp graduates, signing and retention bonuses, bonus for increasing YoungStar rating, bonus for achieving Credential or degree): For your consideration for your business.
 - b. Broadband

- i. Grant Accomplishments to date: The grant-funded portions of the 2018 Bug Tussel grant are complete. The recent Litewire project is also complete.
 - ii. Fiber Project: Due to difficulty sourcing raw materials, completion of the fiber route is expected at the end of 2023.
 - c. Housing - Driftless Homes: Southwest Community Action Program has a new initiative to bring to communities.
 - d. Green County Leaders: April 14 Leadership Legacy session. Register here: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/community-development/green-county-leaders/upcoming-opportunities-refer-a-friend/>. Also the evening mini-series Leadership & Government will begin in April (April 1, 15 and 29). Register here: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/gcl-2021-leadership-government-series/>
9. **Community Roundtable/Partner Reports/Board member Business for the Good of the Order:** Each member provided an update from their business/community.
10. **Next Meeting:** The next GCDC Board meeting (and Annual Meeting) will be Thursday, April 15.
11. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Ron Schaaf, second by April Fuhr. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:45 am.