

Green County Development Corporation Board Notes
December 21, 2017
Green County Courthouse, Monroe

1. **Attendance:** Art Carter (Green County Board), Phil Rath (City of Monroe), John Bernstein (City of Brodhead), Jesse Duff (Fehr Graham), John McNeil (Big Radio), Nikki Matley (Thrivent Financial), Matt Urban (Blackhawk Technical College), Ron Schaaf (Bank of New Glarus), Mike Sanders (Monroe Clinic), Sam Liebert (City of Monroe), Bryan Gadow (Village of New Glarus), Michael Boyce (City of Monroe Alder), Brian Wilson (Village of Belleville), Sherri Fiduccia (Green County Board), Mike Klassy (Village of Monticello), David Mosher (Mosher & Associates), Mike Mathews (Economic Advisors), Amy Brandt (Green County Development Corporation), Cara Carper (Green County Development Corporation).
2. **Call to Order:** President Nikki Matley called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.
3. **Welcome of Guests:** President Matley welcomed new Board member Michael Boyce, as well as Mike Mathews from Economic Advisors.
4. **Community Roundtable/Partner Reports/Board member Business for the Good of the Order:**
Each attendee provided an update.
5. **Approval of Agenda, Minutes and Financials**
Motion by Ron Schaaf, second by Brian Wilson. Motion approved.
6. **UniverCity Update:** Cara provided an update of the timeline. Green County will provide a prioritized list to UW Madison by January 19. The final list will be determined before February 9.
7. **Business Incubator Update**
Green County Entrepreneurial Development Program - GCDC received a \$40,000 WEDC Entrepreneurial Support grant to increase management assistance provided to new and current businesses. It is a one-to-one match grant.

Enterprise Center at BTC - GCDC submitted a draft Memorandum of Agreement to Dr. Pierner for his signature for GCDC to use space on the Monroe BTC campus as a Business Development Center. The January GCDC Board meeting will be held at the new Enterprise Center.
8. **Incubator Feasibility Study Results: Mike Mathews, Economic Advisors**
Mike Mathews provided a slide show of the results of the feasibility study. He also reviewed the Entrepreneurial support grant.
9. **Staff Update:** Marketing/Project Director Amy Brandt was excited to share the details of the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8 at Turner Hall. She was pleased to announce the keynote speaker Jason A. Tyszko, Executive Director of

the Center for Education and Workforce at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Jason is an expert in making the business/education connection to build the talent pipeline for our future workforce. We'll learn how to make and strengthen those strategic talent-building relationships by connecting with local K-12 schools, technical colleges and universities.

The conversation and learning with Jason will continue the morning of May 9 at the Enterprise Center, with breakout sessions focused on improving workforce in Green County.

Save the dates now and you'll soon receive an invitation with all of the details.

10. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Thursday, January 18 at the Enterprise Center at BTC.

11. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by John Bernstein, second by Jesse Duff. Motion approved. Adjourned at 8:58 am.