

Green County Development Corporation Board Notes
July 19, 2018
CECOR, Belleville

1. **Attendance:** John McNeil (Big Radio), Richard Thoman (AmericInn/County/City of Monroe), Sam Liebert (City of Monroe), Joe Hunter (Colony Brands), Ron Schaaf (Bank of New Glarus/Sugar River Bank), Brian Wilson (Village of Belleville), Beth Luchsinger (County Board), Bryan Gadow (Village of New Glarus), Craig Fuchs (Orchid International), Gavin Luter (UniverCity Alliance), Kelly Rupp (UniverCity Alliance), Noah Thompson (Green County Development Corporation), Cara Carper (Green County Development Corporation).
2. **Welcome to CECOR by Terry Grunke:** Terry thanked the board for hosting their meeting at CECOR and gave a little background on the business history and the new facility.
3. **Call to Order:** Vice President Bryan Gadow called the meeting to order at 7:33 am.
4. **Welcome of Guests:** Welcome to Judy Bacha of Belleville and Pat Hereley of Sugar River Bank. Welcome to GCDC Intern Noah Thompson and UniverCity representatives Gavin Luter and Kelly Rupp.

5. Community Roundtable/Partner Reports/Board member Business for the Good of the Order:

John McNeil (Big Radio) – Kristi Smith of Small Business Development Center taped a Spotlight on Green County regarding the upcoming Entrepreneurial Training Program which will start in September. It will start airing after the Fair. Stop by for a tour of the new Big Radio Showcase Studio on Monroe’s Square. John’s office is located there.

Sam Liebert (City of Monroe) – City Council parted ways with the Amlat project. The City will be getting the 20 acres back, so it will be available for development. The Joint Review Board will be meeting regarding the TID 9 expansion. The Redevelopment Authority (RDA) will be meeting July 31 to start creating RDA districts. They will be meeting approximately 2 times per month with an aggressive agenda. The City is wrapping up the Zoning Code re-write. The last meeting will be August 8, followed by a September 4 Council meeting to approve.

Brian Wilson (Village of Belleville) – Belleville has approved designs for both the police station and the library. The next step is to go out for bids.

Bryan Gadow (Village of New Glarus) – August 22 is the Small Community Forum hosted by New Glarus from 12:00 – 4:30pm at the New Glarus Hotel. The Small Town Forum brings together community leaders from smaller communities across the state to learn through case studies, roundtables and discussion groups. The cost to attend the event is \$20 (with lunch included).

The first two Façade Improvement Grants have been awarded to Mosher & Associates and Swisco Tap Haus.

There will be a new residential development meeting tonight regarding a two phase multi-family residential project with space available for adults with special needs, affordable housing and market rate housing. The developer is applying for federal tax credits.

Joe Hunter (Colony Brands) – Annual communications meetings have been concluded with all employees (1,250 employees). Due to Colony’s financial success this year, each employee was awarded a \$1,000 bonus.

John McNeil (for John Bernstein) – The Brodhead bowling alley has been torn down and the Kwik Trip is under construction.

Craig Fuchs (Orchid International) – Orchid has been living their vision and mission for safety, quality and productivity. Safety - they had 513 days without a recordable incident; quality – they passed an audit of new standards for the auto industry; productivity – they are building new dies with new equipment to automate making dies (payback expected by end of 2018!)

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion by John McNeil, second by Ron Schaaf. Motion approved.

7. Approval of Minutes (June 7, 2018)

Motion by Joe Hunter, second by Ron Schaaf. Motion approved.

8. Approval of Financials (June 2018)

Motion by Ron Schaaf, second by Brian Wilson. Motion approved.

9. UniverCity Year Program Update – Gavin Luter, UniverCity Director

Gavin provided an update on matchmaking between proposed Green County projects and UW Madison faculty. The BIG Kickoff Event will be held Tuesday, August 21 at the Monroe High School Performing Arts Center with Rebecca Ryan as the speaker. Cara urged all Board Members to attend the Kickoff Event. It will start at 4 pm and be over by 7 pm. UniverCity is looking for a next participant for the 2019-2020 school year.

10. Staff Update

Summer Intern Noah Thompson introduced himself and the work he is doing for GCDC. Cara provided a written report and pointed out important upcoming dates on the agenda.

11. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, August 16 at Bailey’s Run Vineyard west of New Glarus.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am. All attendees were treated to a tour of the new CECOR facility.