

**Winnebago County Board
Economic Development Committee**

County Administration Building
404 Elm Street,
Room 303
Rockford, IL 61101

MINUTES of
Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Members Present:

Fred Wescott, Chairman
Dorothy Redd, Vice Chairwoman
Jean Crosby
Angela Fellars
Brad Lindmark

John Sweeney

Members Absent:

Tim Nabors

Other Present:

Chris Dornbush, Development Services, Winnebago County
Lafakeria Vaughn, State's Attorney, Winnebago County
Jas Bilich, Special Projects Coordinator, Winnebago County
Martesha Brown, RACVB
John Groh, RACVB
Paul Arena, County Board Member
Jim Webster, County Board Member
Chairman Chiarelli, County Board

AGENDA:

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Fred Wescott called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Roll call was taken of all members present. Dorothy Redd, Angela Fellars, Jean Crosby, Brad Lindmark, John Sweeney, and Fred Wescott all in attendance, in person.

B. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of **February 28, 2022** Economic Development Committee by Dorothy Redd and seconded by Brad Lindmark.

Motion APPROVED (6-0). Aye votes were Fred Wescott, Dorothy Redd, Jean Crosby, Angela Fellars, Brad Lindmark, and John Sweeney.

C. Public Comment

Chairman Wescott noted for the record no members of the public were here to speak for the public comment section, therefore the public comment will not be read in.

D. Resolution To Grant Twenty Five-Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) From Host Fees To The Rockford Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (RACVB) To Support The Grand Fondo New York (GFNY) Event

Motion was made by Jean Crosby, seconded by Angela Fellars.

Discussion followed by Chris Dornbush, John Sweeney, John Groh (RACVB), Dorothy Redd, Chairman Chiarelli, Jean Crosby, Lafa Vaughn, Brad Lindmark, Angela Fellars, Jim Webster, Paul Arena, Jas Bilich and Fred Wescott.

Motion to Amend funding from Host Fees to ARP Funds by Jean Crosby, seconded by Dorothy Redd, as follows;

“**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois should approve ARP Funds for this specific event, after application by RACVB, it will thus negate the Host Fee commitment of \$25,000. If the Host Fee Funds were to be distributed prior to ARP Funds being approved, then RACVB will be required to reimburse the \$25,000 from Host Fees to receive the \$25,000 from ARP Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the ARP Funds are denied, the Sales Tax Revenue generated from the event will go towards reimbursing the Host Fee Funds expended, within the General Fund.”

Discussion followed by Brad Lindmark, Dorothy Redd, Angela Fellars and Jim Webster.

Motion to Amend APPROVED (6-0). Aye votes were Dorothy Redd, Angela Fellers, John Sweeney, Brad Lindmark, Jean Crosby and Fred Wescott.

Motion to APPROVE as amended made by Fred Wescott, seconded by Angela Fellars.

Motion to APPROVE as amended (6-0). Aye votes were Dorothy Redd, Angela Fellers, John Sweeney, Brad Lindmark, Jean Crosby and Fred Wescott.

E. Other Matters - None

F. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting by John Sweeney and seconded by Jean Crosby.

Motion APPROVED (6-0) to adjourn at 6:15 PM.