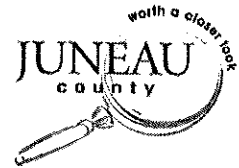


**Juneau County Economic Development Corporation
Community Partners Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 5:30pm
Camp Douglas Elementary School, Camp Douglas WI**



In Attendance:

Bonnie Peterson	Gary Robison	Ray Feldman	Terry Whipple	James Newlun
Tammi Landowski	Melanie Kiel	Paul Scholze	Chloris Lowe	Robert Lein

JCEDC President Bonnie Peterson opened the meeting at 5:30pm and welcomed everyone.

Motion to approve the last Community Meeting Minutes by Whipple/Feldman was carried.

Tamaya Loewe gave the Treasurer's report for September 2019. Balance brought forward \$81,008.23; Deposits \$184.00, Debits \$17,034.84; Resulting Balance \$64,157.39. Copies of report are available.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Feldman/Whipple was carried.

Earl Ells, Camp Douglas Village President, presented update on the local area:

- New Village Hall opens after April 2020. 275 person capacity.
- Looking for tenant for the industrial park.
- Volk Field Community Council airing on an episode [of Discover Wisconsin].

Terry Whipple presented update on Juneau County area:

- New business starting in Camp Douglas that JCEDC is working with.
- JC is 18th out of 72 counties for lowest unemployment rate, and has an 8.6% job growth rate. These indicators show JC is doing well. Wages are going up an average of \$1.50/\$2.00 per hour.
- Hosted workshop for businesses on smart automation.
- Coming up October 24, we're hosting VBOC seminar on entrepreneurialism for veterans.
- Actively supporting F-35s (next generation aircraft) coming to Truax.
- Went to Madison Capital to advocate for Hemp Bill. Supporting possible Hemp Fiber and Composite industry in JC.
- I&E Club continues to be very active. October's meeting will host Diane Dahl presenting on creativity and business.
- Diane Dahl is opening an arts cooperative in Mauston called Oh! Arts. This is significant for JC because an arts organization has been shown to draw people into a rural area. 2 out of 3 businesses state that arts in a community helps attract employees.
- Continuing to work with Janet and Steve at Target Bluff Shops.

Further Reports & Discussion:

- (Feldman) 2020 Juneau County Visitors Guide will include more information about bird watching. 85,000 guides area printed and distributed annually.
- (Robison) The JC Visitors Guide can always use photos of local scenery, especially more of Camp Douglas. Contact Whipple if you have any.

Respectfully submitted,

TJO Loewe

Tamaya Jo Loewe, Acting Secretary

(Notes submitted by Whipple and transcribed by Loewe)