



# Reedsburg Industrial Development Commission

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Present: Don Lichte, Alder Bill Finnegan, Dan Debaets, Blaine Albert, Dave Sorenson and Adam Kaney.  
Absent: Alder Dave Knudsen  
Others: Ken Witt, Steve Zibell, Brian Duvall, Brett Schuppner, Citizens, Press.

The Reedsburg Industrial & Commercial Development Commission was called to order by Chair Don Lichte at 12:00pm at Reedsburg City Hall on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

**Moved by Finnegan and seconded by Kaney to approve minutes from the October 7, 2015 meeting.**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**Consider membership in Sauk County Development Corp – Marty Krueger/Roger Friede.**

Friede stated that their latest activities included a financial forum with 100 participants and school initiatives. He added there will be a leadership forum to attract younger talent, that Baraboo and Saul Prairie have rejoined for another year, and that private money will be needed to make up for the reduced government funding. Krueger stated that the Board had failed to change with the economic times and are working to correct that. There is currently a lack of qualified workers, and he is working with the schools on workforce development.

Finnegan stated that the proposals promised previously were not met. Krueger stated that he was unaware of the last RICDC meeting but that the SCDC is moving in the right direction. Lichte expressed interest in maintaining membership. Friede added that SCDC provides a conduit throughout the County for communities, employers and information.

**Moved by Albert and seconded by Kaney to approve the invoice for maintaining SCDC membership.**

**Motion carried 5-1 (Finnegan).**

**Discussion on Development potential of the west side of Reedsburg.**

Jim Schulenburg asked what he can do to assist the Commission in further developing the west side corridor. He stated that Reedsburg could lose business to the outlying towns that are starting to develop more. Discussion was held on traffic counts and the need to serve both City residents and those from outside the City.

**Update on rail service in Reedsburg.**

Lichte referred to a letter from the DOT.

**Update on Lorman property.**

Lichte stated that the family kept the property but may put it up for sale.

**Update on Business Park.**

Lichte stated that the vacant lots are currently being cleared.

**Update and consider floodplain issue in Industrial Park.**

This refers to the lots south of Korth. Much of it is in the floodway which requires a surveying and FEMA submittals to have it removed and allow fill to be placed. The surveying cost is about \$10,000-12,000.

**Consideration of TIF #4 incentive of up to \$76,000 to Lakeside Foods for a freezer plant expansion.**

No action for now, but a meeting may be called for it next week.

**Moved by Kaney to adjourn and seconded by Albert. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvall  
Planner/Building Inspector