



**Minutes of the Franklin Economic Development Commission**  
**Franklin City Hall Hearing Room**  
**9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin**  
**August 30, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.**

Members Present			Others Present	
Barber, Mike	x	Timothy Wachter (Vice Chair)	x	
Bobowski, Steve (Chair)	x	Barbara Wesener	x	John Regetz, Economic Development Director
James LeMere		Aaron Kapellusch	x	

- I. The Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair Bobowski.
- II. The floor was opened for citizen comment at 8:03 a.m. There being no citizens present Chairman Bobowski closed comment at 8:04 p.m.
- III. Motion by Barber, second by Kapellusch, to approve the July 28, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. Jax Special Use Permit was postponed until after item VI.
- V. Water Diversion application to WI DNR – Assistant City Engineer, Tyler Beinlich, presented a proposal from Public Works asking for support of an application to the WI DNR for approval to divert water from the Great Lakes Drainage Basin to the Mississippi River Drainage Basin, to supply water and sewer service to the southwest corner of the City. The southwest corner of the City of Franklin straddles the subcontinental divide of the drainage basins. Wells would not be feasible as they require DNR approval. Diversion approval is from WI DNR, whom likes the project, and requires a study. The whole process should cost approximately \$30,000. Otherwise, developers would have to conduct the study, which takes 9 months and poses extra expense and development time, which would dissuade them. The Public Works Dept’s. consultant conducted studies for New Berlin & Sommers WI, which were much more challenging and expensive than would be Franklin’s study. The developable area west of the subdivide is 15 to 20 acres (30 to 35 acres with attached lot remainders). The study can be done concurrently with other applications and development processes to prepare the area for development. Motion by Wachter, second by Barber, to recommend to the Franklin City Council funding the water diversion study and application with the DNR, up to \$30,000. Motion passed.
- VI. The Business Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 20, 6:30 p.m., at the Tuckaway Country Club, with Tracy Johnson serving as keynote speaker. Regetz will send out the first invitations through Eventbrite later in the week. The format for awards will be as follows:
  - Company Excellence in Large Business - 3 nominees to be recognized, with one as the winner

- Company Excellence in Small Business - 3 nominees to be recognized, with one as the winner
- Individual Business Leader of the Year - 3 nominees to be recognized, with one as the winner
- Company Innovation Award - 3 nominees to be recognized, with one as the winner
- New Business Recognition – selected from City of Franklin records.
- The Commission was directed to send nominations to Regetz by Friday, September 9.

**Postponed Item IV – Jax Special Use Permit**

Principal Planner Regulo Montilva presented the application as described in the meeting packet and approved by the Planning Commission. It is for a special use permit to allow for canning and packing of lubricant products for food processing equipment. Changes were made to the applicants screening and shed construction specifications to comply with city ordinances. Regetz is to investigate and determine the referral process that led to the company location in Franklin. Motion by Wachter, second by Barber to approve the application. Motion carried.

- VII. The Commission will start looking for replacements of Rob Goetsch. Nominations to be sent to Regetz.
- VIII. South Suburban Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update – Recent Business after Hours, Ribbon Cutting and Breakfast Networking events were well attended. More big businesses need to be involved.
- IX. Economic Development Update
  - a. Current Prospects – the Economic Development Department is still collaborating with bio-medical, plastics, food processing, warehousing and multiuse projects. TID 6 amendment will assist the RISE Incubator’s establishment.
- X. Next Meeting – September 22, 2022
- I. Adjournment: Motion by Barber, second by Kapellusch to adjourn. Motion carried