

The Economic Alliance
Board Meeting
March 27, 2013
Koala Street Grill, Omak

Attending Board Members:

Rich Watson, Chairman
Amanda Jackson, Secretary
Coleen Couch, Treasurer
Lael Duncan, Past Chairman
Gail Howe

Arnie Marchand
Mary Watson
Andy Lampe
Melanie Wyss

Absent Board Members:

Kyle Desautel, 2nd Vice Chairman
Nan Kallunki, 1st Vice Chairman
John Andrist
Steve Kreider
Sheilah Kennedy
Alison Gillette
Kurt Danison

George Brady
Joe Pakootas, Colville Tribes (CTFC)
Nespelem/Coulee Dam Position #1 -- Vacant
Nespelem/Coulee Dam Position #2 -- Vacant
At Large #1

Staff & Guests:

Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Executive Director
Carolyn Davis, Admin. Assistant
Mark Berreth, Employment Security Dept.
Bonnie Waude-Miller, WorkSource
Kristen Parrish
Kevin Diefenbach, Kruse Electric

Sandy Hansen, Omak Chamber
Ralph Malone, city of Omak
Leah McCormick, County Treasurer
Nancy Nash-Mendez, WorkSource
Jim Detro, County Commissioner
T. Lewis, Author

Chairman, Rich Watson, called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Lael Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2013. Coleen Couch seconded. Motion passed. Rich Watson stated that this was a special meeting with special guest speaker, Dr. Yorman Bauman and we would dispense with the usual agenda to allow additional time for Dr. Bauman.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Yorman Bauman introduced himself at the “First and Only Stand-Up Economist”. Dr. Bauman has a Ph.D in economic from the University of Washington and lives in Seattle, where he founded Non-profit Comedy, A series of benefit shows that raised almost \$100,000 for local non-profits. He also has a BA in mathematics from Reed College. His goals in life are to spread joy to the world through economics comedy, to reform economics education, and to implement carbon pricing. In 2011 he spent five months in Beijing as a visiting scholar at the University of International Business and Economics. Dr. Bauman shared the 10 principles of Economics. Economics is about the action of optimizing individuals and the interactions between them. One miraculous miracle is how competition between profit-maximizing sellers leads to lower prices for consumers. This is the idea of the “Invisible Hand”, which says that self-interest can serve the common good. Dr. Bauman has written two books which he had for sale, The Cartoon Introduction to Economics, Volume 1 and Volume 2. These give a good overview of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. His web site is www.standupeconomist.com

Roni Holder-Diefenbach announced that the Colville Tribe and Colville Tribe Federal Corporation signed a 25 year lease for the mill site. The Atlas/Wood Resources Company will be doing a renovation of the mill and hope to get it back up and operating by July. With full production there will be about 200 jobs created.

Meeting adjourned 12:40.

Next Meeting April 24, 2013, 11 – 1, at the Koala Street Grill. Please mark your calendars!

Guest speaker will be Nancy Nash-Mendez with WorkSource. She will provide information about WorkSource services, including training opportunities, Work Opportunity Tax Credit, and the new Wow- free online computer courses. Vicki Mento will also speak to the Board about NW Justice Project.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Davis, Administrative Assistant



Meetings Attended March:

- Buckhorn Mine Tour
- Business Week
- NCW EDD
- NCW Business Loan Fund Annual Mtg.
- OK County Commissioner Update
- PTAC Classes
- Omak Chamber presentation
- Wood Resources/CTFC Mill Signing

Upcoming Meeting/Activities (April):

- NCW EDD Prioritization Mtg
- NCW Economic Development District
- Grace Under Fire LPA Training
- Social Media Classes

Contract Renewal:

- Okanogan County March 2013 completed
- SBDC March 2013 completed
- PUD Contract March 2013 completed
- OCTC March 2013 completed
- ADO (Renew June 2013)

Business Education classes:

- Grace Under Fire
- Social Media Classes

2012 Year End Data: Direct client Services offered by the Economic Alliance/SBDC

CLIENTS	HOURS	JOBS CREATED	JOBS SAVED	CAPITOL Invested
130	416.5	27	5	\$4,605,365