

Minutes
Pierce County Industrial Development Committee Meeting

April 18, 2005

Present: Rod Rommel, Jeff Holst, Leo Simones, Russ Korpela – Executive Director of the Pierce County Economic Development Corporation.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

The primary purpose of the meeting was for Korpela to introduce himself to the committee and give them some background on his experience. He started as Executive Director of the PCEDC on March 28, 2005.

After Korpela reviewed his background, the committee discussed some opportunities and challenges facing Pierce County in regards to economic development. These included transportation, expansion vs. recruitment, internet infrastructure, housing, and workforce development.

The committee also discussed taking steps to have it be more active in encouraging economic development in the County outside of making funding recommendations to the full County Board. One way to do that would be to develop some specific projects for the committee to spearhead. Korpela suggested one possible project would be the development of an incubator facility in Pierce County.

The committee requested Korpela to bring back some project ideas for the committee to consider at its next meeting scheduled for July 11, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m. on a motion made by Simones, seconded by Holst.