



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday May 7, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room #1, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Chair John Wyssling called the meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cayer, Joseph F.	X			
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Kobylinski, Devon	X			
Peterson, Jim	X			
Ramme, Dave		X		X
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schneller, Tom		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Wyssling, John	X			
Quorum	6	3	Quorum	

3. Approval of the February 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Peterson to accept the meeting minutes of February 5, 2014. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Lemke to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Kobylinski. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit)

None.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items Not on the Agenda (three-minute limit).

None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Comprehensive Plan: Director Brown reviewed the Comprehensive Plan draft with the Corporation.

- b. Business Retention Program: Director Brown explained that he and Tim Erickson had been taking time to go and perform business retention meetings weekly with the businesses in town; however doing that needs more time commitments than he or Tim Erickson have. Director Brown presented the business retention program that he has been working on and he will be handing out notebooks and packets to each member in the EDC at the next meeting. He has also assigned each Corporation member a target area to go to and visit. Director Brown's plan is to have each member visit their core area and report back quarterly changes to the businesses. Along with the EDC, the DIDA and the IIDC will also be doing the business retention checks.

Director Brown also notified the group that the Zoom website has been updated with local buildings and properties for sale. He asked that as the Corporation Members go out on their business retention visits to notice what is for sale or vacant and to let Community Development know so that we can keep this website up to date and pertinent.

- c. Going out of Business Ordinance, Keep, Modify or Delete: Director Brown presented this item. The going out of business ordinance is set based on state statute. No action taken.
- d. Mentorship Program: Chair Wyssling presented the mentorship program and explained that last month there was a meeting at the college to kick off the mentorship program. There will be a speaker's forum and one-on-one mentoring. Bob Jacquart is a huge supporter of the mentoring program and has an interested speaker he is trying to line up.
8. Other Business: Ruppe said that the SBA is in town today to talk about Frack Sand. Chair Wyssling asked Ruppe to bring back information to this group at next month's meeting.
9. Next Meeting: June 4, 2014.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Cayer to adjourn. **Second** Ruppe. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Kim M. Coon
Community Development Assistant