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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, April 5, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

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

| MEMBER | Present | | EXCUSED | NOT EXCUSED |
|-----------------|----------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | YES | NO | | |
| Thorsen, Gina | X | | | |
| Lemke, Joseph | X | | | |
| Korpela, Nancy | X | | | |
| Sclafani, Velda | X | | | |
| Ramme, Dave | X | | | |
| Ruppe, Mark | X | | | |
| Vacant | | | | |
| Schonberg, Bob | | X | X | |
| Wyssling, John | | X | X | |
| Gary Burnett | X | | | |
| Vacant | | | | |
| Quorum | 6 | 3 | Quorum | |

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson

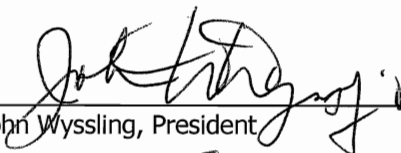
3. Approval of the February 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Ramme to accept the February 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Ruppe. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**


4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Burnett. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration
 - A. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development – Burnett, Sclafani
 1. Michael Meyers with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce gave an update.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Korpela
 1. Korpela stated that she should have something for the next meeting.
 - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools – All Members
 1. Director Bergman discussed a marketing booklet and passed around the piece.
 - IV. Strategy 6.6(e) Create a 5-year marketing plan – Sclafani, Thorsen
 1. Director Bergman walked the group through identifying assets.
 - V. Strategy 6.3(f) Expansion of Fiber throughout community
 1. Director Bergman stated that the City of Ironwood has signed a contract to get fiber to the Memorial Building which will help get fiber or wireless to the downtown. The Corporation also discussed State funding to expand broadband throughout the Upper Peninsula.
8. Other Business: Thorson talked about an event to be hosted at Jacquarts Fabric Products by the SBDC. Ramme discussed the new owners of the Cloverland Plaza. Ruppe stated that Xcel would like to give a tour of their new facility.
9. Next Meeting: May 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ramme to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. **Second** by Burnett. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant