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## Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, March 7, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

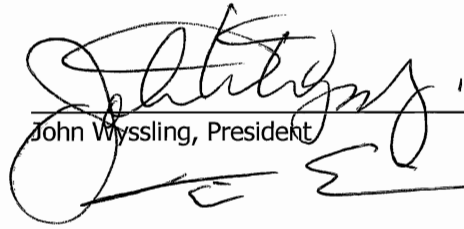
1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Lemke, Joseph		X	X	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett		X	X	
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the December 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion** by Ramme to accept the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela.  
**Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda  
**Motion** by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 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): True from the City of Ironwood Parks and Recreation Committee made comment about the wood resources that are available in our area and that harvesting could create many jobs.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration
  - A. Redevelopment Ready Communities – Potential strategies for redevelopment.
    - I. Update on certification.
      1. Director Bergman stated that the zoning ordinance is the last big step to get certified. He stated that the MEDC is giving the City of Ironwood \$20,000 for a zoning ordinance revision as part of the RRC program.
    - II. Redevelopment Sites.
      1. Director Bergman stated that the downtown has a project that will be brought forth in the next month or so. The project will be funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Director Bergman stated that it looks like Bookworld may be purchased in the near future. Director Bergman discussed the demolition details of the burnt properties at 102 and 104 E. Aurora St.
  - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
    - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
      1. Director Bergman stated that he has been working with Iron County on a potential program.
    - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces.
      1. Korpela gave an update stating that she is working with a few individuals to discuss the project.
    - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools.
      1. Wyssling stated that he has an apprentice. Director Bergman stated that they have been working with Gogebic Community College.
    - IV. Strategy 6.6(e) Create a 5-year marketing plan.
      1. Director Bergman presented an outline of the marketing plan. He described the details of a new strategy called Redevelopment Networking as part of the marketing plan.
8. Other Business: Wyssling stated that Community Development Department should work with him on the Pamida and Wells Fargo lot.
9. Next Meeting: April 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. **Second** by Sclafani. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



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John Wyssling, President

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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant