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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, August 1, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, August 1, 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 10:01 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

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

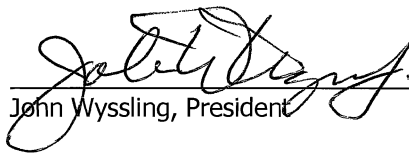
Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the June 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Schonberg to accept the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Sclafani. **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): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration
 - A. Redevelopment Ready Communities – Potential strategies for redevelopment.
 - I. Update on certification. – Zoning ordinance revision.
 1. The zoning consultants visited the City and spent time with staff and the Planning Commission. Bergman stated that they will presenting a draft and then taking more public comment. Bergman gave an update on a potential Tax Increment Finance district in the downtown. Schonberg asked about collecting taxes on Marijuana.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development – Angel network program next steps.
 1. Bergman stated that he will be updating the board at the next meeting.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Update on project with GCC and invent@NMU.
 1. Bergman stated that he was open to suggestions.
 - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools.
 1. Bergman talked about getting exit interviews from interns to get their perspective on the community. Bergman talked about finding out which companies have interns and then build a program around the existing businesses.
8. Other Business: Ramme talked about adding the mining operations to the next agenda. Schonberg talked about formally supporting Copper Peak. Sclafani suggested that the EDC support the prison.

Motion by Korpela to sign a support letter for the Ojibwa Correctional Facility. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

9. Next Meeting: September 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ramme to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant