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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
 Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, September 5, 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			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave		X	X	
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schonberg, Bob	X			
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett	X			
Quorum	7	2	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Strategist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the August 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the August 1, 2018 meeting minutes. **Second** by Schonberg.
Motion Carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Sclafani. **Motion Carried 7 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. Erickson said that the consultants are working on the draft.
- B. Discussion and Update on Highland Copper Co. Project.
 - I. Erickson discussed the needs of Highland Copper and talked about the company reaching out for assistance. The EDC discussed the difficulty in finding employable people for many positions in the area. They talked about ways to attract people to the area to fill jobs that are in need.
- C. 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. The Corporation discussed the need for a county wide Economic Development Corporation.

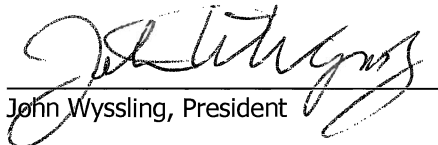
Motion by Burnett to create a media vehicle to advertise economic development opportunities and items. **Second by Schonberg. Motion carried 7 to 0.**

- II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Update on project with GCC and invent@NMU.
 - 1. Erickson and Korpela discussed the invent@NMU model and that GCC is working on bringing this to their campus.
- III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools.
 - 1. The Corporation discussed the struggle for local businesses to fill jobs for high level positions.

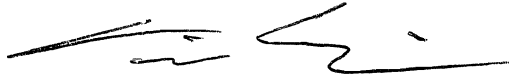
8. Other Business: Wyssling congratulated Gary Burnett on Burton Industries 40th anniversary.

9. Next Meeting: October 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant