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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, January 9, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

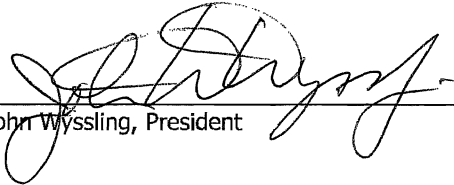
1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

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	X	
Schonberg, Bob	X			
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett	X			
Quorum	8	1	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Strategist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the December 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Korpela to accept the December 5, 2018 meeting minutes. **Second** by Sclafani.
Motion Carried 7 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Thorsen. **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 and Recreational Marijuana.
 1. Erickson stated that a draft hasn't been made yet but that Director Bergman has been in regular conversation with the consultants. He mentioned that a marijuana advisory group has been formed.
 - II. Update on Downtown Business changes.
 1. Wyssling talked about new ownership at Brewster's in downtown. Discussion about Waupaca Foundry opening in the industrial park took place.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
 1. Update on Economic Development Organization for Region.
 - a. Erickson stated that there is an economic feasibility study funded by the State. They are introducing key stakeholders into the process.
 - II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Update on project with GCC and Invent@NMU.
 1. Invent@NMU kiosk is located in Contrast Coffee for one month.
 - III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools.
 1. Discussion of Northern Initiatives Project with GCC (survey)
 - a. Erickson discussed the GCC survey that had been circulated throughout area businesses. The survey is meant to find out the training needs for businesses. He also discussed the new low interest loan that is available to local businesses that is being backed by the MEDC.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: February 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ramme to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. **Second** by Schonberg. **Motion Carried 8 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant