



IRONWOOD

MICHIGAN | *Find Your North*

Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, April 3, 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.

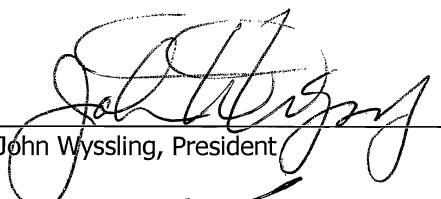
1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X	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 Strategist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Schonberg to accept the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes. **Second** by Sclafani.
Motion Carried 6 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Korpela to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Thorsen. **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. Redevelopment Ready Communities Priority Site Identification.
 - I. Erickson presented a few site options and the Corporation agreed on the Pamida Lot with Wells Fargo as an option along with the old Chelsi's Corner lot and Old Kmart lot.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.4 Workforce Development.
 1. Erickson stated that the college is hiring a workforce development director. The Community Development office will be working toward addressing this issue. Wyssling stated the Gogebic County has shelved the idea of creating a county EDC.
 - II. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
 1. Update on Economic Feasibility Study and Strategic Plan (March 18th event and survey).
 - a. Thorsen talked about the event and stated that they collected input to come back to a future meeting.
 - III. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Skillbuilder Event "How to Maximize Social Media Outreach" Invent@NMU.
 1. Erickson presented the event and asked the group to attend.
8. Other Business: Wyssling and Erickson stated that there are some people looking in downtown and on the highway properties.
9. Next Meeting: May 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. **Second** by Sclafani. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant