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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, May 1, 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	X	
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett		X	X	
Quorum	5	4	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the April 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

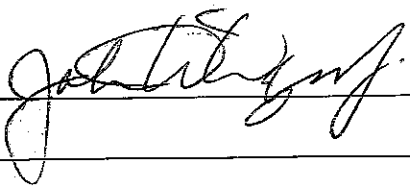
Motion by Ramme to accept the April 3, 2019 meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Thorsen 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 Priority Sites.
 - I. Erickson presented the top 4 redevelopment sites for the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 6.4 Workforce Development.
 1. Director Bergman discussed project Gogebic meeting. He talked about an initiative that the Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District has been working on for creating a Fab lab. He also brought up the new workforce development director that that GCC will be hiring.
 - II. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
 1. Update on Project Gogebic strategic planning session.
 - a. Director Bergman talked about the strategic planning session. Thorsen talked about a regional brand and how that might work for the region.
 - III. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces.
 1. Director Bergman talked about the need to get a committee together for a co-work and incubator space. The Corporation discussed ways to build a co-work space in Ironwood.
8. Other Business: Thorsen talked about the Small Business Association of Michigan locating an office in Marquette. She invited anyone who wants to attend to go.

Wyssling stated that there is an offer on a property on the highway but he stated that he can't disclose any specific information.
9. Next Meeting: June 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ramme to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant