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## Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, July 3, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, July 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	X	
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett		X	X	
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

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

3. Approval of the May 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

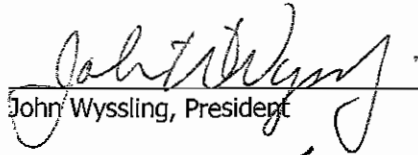
**Motion** by Korpela to accept the May 1, 2019 meeting minutes. **Second** by Ruppe. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

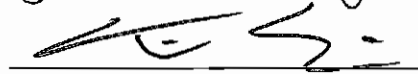
4. Approval of the Agenda

**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 Priority Sites.
    - I. Redevelopment Sites.
      1. Erickson stated that the sites will be advertised soon on the City website and with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).
    - II. Update on Zoning Ordinance.
      1. Director Bergman said that he will provide some of the commercial elements for the EDC to see. Wyssling asked if the downtown will be protected with the City's marijuana ordinance. Director Bergman gave an update on the current direction. He talked about limiting it to 4 establishments throughout the City. Director Meyer spoke to the Corporation concerning the complexity of the marijuana issue.
  - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
    - I. Strategy 6.4 Workforce Development.
      1. Review of Superior Mobile Canning Revolving Loan Fund.
        - a. Director Bergman talked about the business. The Corporation talked about and exception with the MEDC for Ironwood Township residents to get access to the funding.
      2. Update on Waupaca Foundry.
        - a. Waupaca Foundry will be operating by Monday.
    - II. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
      1. Update on Project Gogebic strategic planning session.
        - a. Director Bergman stated that the project is wrapping up. There will be a meeting to go over the plan when it is complete. Wyssling asked about a broadband plan.
    - III. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces.
      1. Director Bergman talked about discussing this item with the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority. He talked about incorporating incubator with co-work space.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: August 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

  
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John Wyssling, President

  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant