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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
 Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

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

Also Present: Community Development Strategist Tim Erickson.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Burnett asked about the roles of the Chair and Vice-Chair. He discussed ways that the EDC board can be more involved with the direction and agenda.

Motion by Sclafani to nominate John for Chair. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

Motion by Korpela to accept John for Chair. **Second** by Lemke. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

Motion by Sclafani to nominate Ramme for Chair-Chair. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

Motion by Sclafani to accept Ramme for Chair-Chair. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the October 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Korpela to accept the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes. **Second** by Thorsen.
Motion Carried 7 to 0.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration: Chair Wyssling discussed his role of working together with City Staff and the members of the Corporation. Burnett, Lemke, and Korpela discussed the EDC defining its role and coming up with a few items to work on.

A. Redevelopment Ready Communities – Potential strategies for redevelopment.

I. Update on certification. – Zoning ordinance revision.

1. No update.

B. 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. Update on Economic Development Organization for Region.

a. Director Bergman stated that he is going to Lansing with a few regional leaders to push the funding for the development of an EDO for the entire region. He talked about talking with legislators at this event. Burnett also mentioned the endowment fund that will be created for the EDO.

2. Update on Marketing Booklet and Business Assistance Booklet.

a. The EDC discussed wanting to see the material before the next meeting. Wyssling discussed looking at other communities and talked about a document that the City of Negaunee is doing.

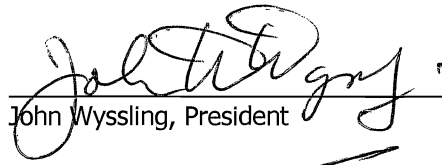
II. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces – Update on project with GCC and Invent@NMU.

1. Director Bergman talked about the Invent@NMU kiosk and that it will be going around the community.

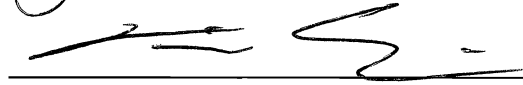
III. Strategy 6.4 Create internship/apprenticeship program with local business to market to colleges and trade schools.

1. Ryon List with GCC will be at the next EDC meeting. Director Bergman stated that the EDC is playing a supportive role between GCC and private businesses. Northern Initiatives has funding available to help push this program through.

9. Other Business: Thorsen asked about recreational marijuana and what that means for the EDC. Thorsen talked about creating a State cabinet position for small businesses.
10. Next Meeting: December 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant