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## Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, November 6, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, October 6, 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	
<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 July 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

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

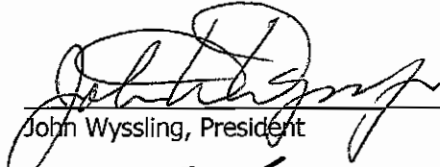
4. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Ruppe to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **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. Audience with Glen Ackerman-Behr, Director of Workforce Development GCC.
  - A. Director Bergman introduced Mr. Ackerman-Behr passed out a handout to the Corporation. He discussed his role as the new workforce development Director at Gogebic Community College. He proposed a few areas of focus to help with the development of workforce in the region. 1. Professional Development. 2. Unemployed/Under Employed Individuals. 3. Talent Pipe Line. 4. Community Engagement.
8. First Impressions: Tourism Assessment MSU Extension and discussion of Marketing Plan Implementation.
  - A. Director Bergman presented the First Impressions Tour.
9. Items for Discussion and Consideration:
  - A. Redevelopment Ready Communities Priority Sites.
    - I. Update on Zoning Ordinance.
      1. Director Bergman said that they are focusing on the adult use marijuana portion of the ordinance.
    - B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
      - I. Strategy 6.4 Workforce Development.
        1. EDA Grant for Emergency Economic Development Coordinator.
          - a. No update.
      - II. Strategy 6.2(b) Implement Endowment Fund Program for Economic Development.
        1. Update on Project Gogebic strategic planning session.
          - a. No update.
      - III. Strategy 6.3(g & h) Develop/Continue a Business Incubator and Entrepreneurial Support Spaces.
        1. No update.
10. Other Business: None.

11. Next Meeting: December 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. **Second** by Sclafani. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



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John Wyssling, President



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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant