



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room.

1. Director Bergman 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			
Vacant				
Lehto, Steve	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Corcoran, Kim	X			
Raush, Ken		X	X	
Virshek, Danielle	X			
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	X			
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	7	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the November 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Lehto to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Corcoran. Motion Carried 7 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
Motion by Corcoran to approve the Agenda. Second by Ackerman-Behr. Motion Carried 7 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): GCC staff member talked about a cohort program that they will be having. A summer camp for local students in various fields will be conducted.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. Housing.

I. Update on Vacant Home Letter: The letter is on the City Commission agenda to send out the letter to the vacant home list. Realtors and property managers will receive the letter as well. Any Realtor or property managers who hold a business license in the City of Ironwood will get the letter.

II. Strategic Housing Plan Update: Staff is getting a draft soon along with a new survey for the comprehensive plan update.

B. 2025 Goal Setting: The goals below were presented and discussed. Staff have been working on identifying vacant land for potential development. Staff met with Chad from GCC to partner with their building trades program. Not utilizing the Mi Neighborhood program was discussed. Making Curry Park and all-season campground especially for when the large-scale regional projects start. Director Bergman would like the EDC to have the Waupaca building on their radar. Contacting Bretting to develop in Ironwood was discussed.

(2024 Goals) Housing

- Facilitate placement of new home (12 months).
- Regional EDO (ongoing multiyear, regional effort).
- Access to Surplus Property Information (12 months).
- Vacant Property Analysis (12 months).
- Ambassadorship program.
- Prioritization of goals.

Motion by Ackerman-Behr to approve the list as presented. Second by Corcoran. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

8. Other Business: Virshek asked about Copper Peak and when that project will be starting. Red Bull 400 is most likely happening in the spring. Highland Copper funding didn't pass with the state. Enbridge Line 5 was discussed. Thorsen brought up the ESTA law and asked how prepared the local businesses are. Details of the ESTA law was discussed. The baseball team and the hockey team were talked about. New businesses coming to the highway were discussed.

9. Next Meeting: March 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Virshek to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. **Second** by Lehto. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant