



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Women's Club Room.

1. Ackerman-Behr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll.

	Present			
MEMBER	YES	NO	EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Vacant				
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Lehto, Steve	X			
Vacant				
Corcoran, Kim	X			
Raush, Ken	X			
Virshek, Danielle	X			
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	X			
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	6	0	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the November 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Corcoran to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Raush. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Lehto. Motion Carried 6 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): The GCC workforce development director addressed the Corporation. A leadership class is being offered.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule (Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept. 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2):

Motion by Virshek to approve the meeting schedule as presented without July 1st. Second by Lehto. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

- B. 2026 Goal Setting: Director Bergman presented the goals for 2025. Funding for the new zoning ordinance was discussed. That will be a new goal after the Comprehensive Plan is adopted. The houses that were built on the old Norrie School site haven't sold yet. The Multi unit apartment complex with Cinnaire at the previous Wells Fargo lot was discussed. A grant for a strategic plan to establish a regional EDO is potentially being awarded to Gogebic Community College. Streamlining the sale process of vacant City owned land was discussed. Director Bergman talked about an ambassador program that was brought up last year. He asked for some direction with how to move forward with that sort of a program. Hospitality and service-based workers could be the target audience for a program. Utilizing a class at GCC could be a possibility. Virshek talked about getting people who are already influencing the community. Creating opportunity for business to business engagement was discussed. Doing a one page handout that could be given. Having the Chamber do a brochure kit for short term rentals to take was discussed. Running a collaborative community campaign that works with the Chamber was discussed. Ackerman-Behr asked about collaborating with the Ironwood Tourism Council. Focusing on Ayer Street and providing incentives and market that location could be a priority.

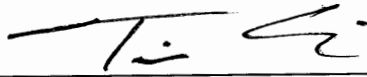
2025 Goals

- 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).
8. Other Business: Corcoran likes the ambassador program and would like to encourage this program. Helping and supporting the chamber should be a priority.
9. Next Meeting: January 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment.

Motion by Virshek to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Second by Lehto. Motion Carried 6 to 0.



Ackerman-Behr, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Erickson', written over a horizontal line.

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant