



EDC Meeting Minutes 3/4/2026 Big Creek Township Hall

Members Present: Coulon, Layman, Roddy, Handrich, Myers, Marshall, Southwell

Members Absent: Chaney, Morris

Guests Present: (2) Maelynn Watrous, Christine Curley

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to accept Richard Castle's resignation as of February 18, 2026 by Roddy. Myers 2nd. All in favor.
Motion passed.

Motion to close EDC business made by Coulon. Myers 2nd. Motion passed

Motion to open Brownfield by Layman. Coulon 2nd. Motion passed

Per Duane Roddy, Brownfield is keeping track of the investigation to possible land contamination in Comins Twp at the gas station across from the old Fire Department. Soil tests are underway.

Motion to close Brownfield by Marshall. Myers 2nd. Motion passed.

Motion to re-open EDC by Marshall. Coulon 2nd. Motion passed.

Revolving Loan Fund balance is \$82,237.04.

Director's report attached

Roddy made a motion to accept minutes from last meeting. Coulon 2nd. Motion passed.

Maelynn Watrous from Soady Poppers presented and shared her business plan seeking consideration for RLF funding for equipment to move travel business to brick and mortar in Fairview. Answered questions from the board and director. Instructed to fill out application and it will go before the loan committee.

Motion for closed session by Layman. Roddy 2nd. Motion passed

Motion to accept Christine Curley onto EDC Board by Roddy. Layman 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussed what to submit for our first quarterly newsletter. We will be submitting an introduction to the EDC members with a write up and a picture. Advertising to fill board vacancy. A write up with picture from the Policy Conference in Traverse City.

3-5 year plan for EDC discussion proposed by Layman. Meyers took point with creating a SWOT analysis for our region with input from the board.

Discussed surveying the community to ask what stops them from opening businesses in Oscoda County.

Went over Facebook analysis provided by Sydney.

Spoke about a couple of engagement initiatives like Facebook Where is Chris Wednesday and a monthly topic based coffee meet with the public to answer questions and educate.

Motion to close by Layman. Coulon 2nd. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.