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EDC Meeting Minutes

Members present: Layman, Castle, Marshall, Chaney, Roddy, Morris, Coulon, Southwell

Members absent: Curley, Deguzma

Visitors: Ann Galbraith; Jake Raich

Roddy made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Castle. Motion passed

June meeting minutes were not available to approve

Initial Business: Coulon requested the board to remove Board Secretary due to issues obtaining meeting minutes in a timely manner.

Roddy made a motion for the removal, 2nd by Castle. Motion passed

Coulon asked if there were any volunteers to fill secretary position, no one volunteered.

Castle made a motion to elect Morris the new secretary, 2nd by Roddy. Motion passed.

Director Southwell gave her monthly update - provided details in attachment.

Topic of discussion: Laptop. Currently and historically, the laptop being used for EDC business is the MI Works laptop. Because of this, we purchased a subscription to Dropbox to create virtual folders. County Clerk asked Southwell why she wasn't using the county server, she discussed with Michelle Knepp and Rene Welser who had her discuss with Alfred the IT guy - the wireless option for the county server is not possible unless the EDC has a county laptop.

Layman made a motion to allow Southwell to talk to Michelle to purchase a laptop out of office supply line. Roddy 2nd. Motion passed.

Role Call: Devin, Rich, Dee, Al, Duane, Ashely, Deb all vote yes.

Coulon asked that Southwell check with Dropbox to see if it's possible to get a refund for portion of annual subscription not used. Asked that she download all files, talk to IT first and then call Dropbox.

We were able to get an extension for the grant funding until November 2025. Southwell is going to create a flier to get out to the public to announce funding is available - need urgency behind this.

Southwell is also going to call Donald at USDA to ask specifics around new construction and grant funds.

Budget Adjustment: Coulon/Board Chair asked to move \$3500 from Contracted Services line 101- 728-806.00 to Legal Consult line 101-728-820.00 –

Castle made a motion to move funds, 2nd by Coulon. Roll Call vote: Layman, Castle, Marshall, Chaney, Roddy, Morris, Coulon all vote yes.

Ann Galbraith the Oscoda County Chamber president joined to discuss the EDC and Chamber working together for ribbon and welcoming new businesses. We discussed recognizing businesses from Mio, Luzerne, Comins, Fairview, McKinley and Lewiston. Dee suggested to save on time to consider doing an interview with



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the business owners prior to the ribbon cutting. Ann shared that there are 90 total chamber members. She also brought a current visitors guide. They are for two years. She will also share her business directory with Southwell. Castle mentioned making sure both the EDC and Chamber logos are showing on any advertising / fliers / ads, etc.

Also discussed doing a FB poll to see which businesses members of the county would like to see recognized first.

Ann also shared that they will be hosting another murder mystery dinner for New Years Eve at the Mio Moose Lodge.

Shawn McCosh contacted Coulon to let the board know that Joel Yoder has an incubator business building available for rent - building is 40x60 with a bathroom and office space. 2400 total square feet. Call Shawn for more information.

Liaison Report: Brush pile cleaned up at Comins; Big Creek not done yet. County is done.

Steiner Museum - trying to come up with a 3-5 year plan as attendance is down. Looking for ways to increase visitors and attractions. Will be holding a planning meeting on September 12th at 6pm and September 13th from 9-3.

**This would be a great business to highlight for next year.

Public: Jake from Northwood Creamery stated we are doing a great job

Chaney made a motion to close meeting, Castle 2nd

Chaney made a motion to open Brownfield, Coulon 2nd

Duane said Fairview gas station - trying to remove tanks
talked about Mbridge podcast

Castle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Layman 2nd.

Meeting Adjourned.