



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) & Brownfield Board
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Wednesday June 21, 2023

6:00 PM Oscoda County Library

Official Minutes

6:00 – Call to order, invocation of flag and roll call.

Members present: Rich Castle, Al Chaney, Duanne Roddy, AJ Welser, Rosita Perez, Deb Coulon, Devin Layman, Liaison Ted Handrich

Members Absent: Misty DeGuzman, Jon Satkowiak,

Motion to approve agenda- Chaney/Roddy, Motion Passes

Motion to approve minutes- Approved with correction to item 9, remove Ted as voting member.

Motion by Castle, Welser 2nd, Motion Passes

Appointments: N/A

Old Business- RLF-Board reviewed RFL Summary Spreadsheet. Discussion on the possible issuance of 1099's to North Star, waiting for attorney direction before pursuing that action, hopefully will have direction for next months meeting. Reviewed and board discussion on the 2 new loan packages provided by Attorney: **Motion by Chaney to accept/adopt new loan packages, Welser 2nd Motion Passes.** Castle updated the board on the progress of finding new EDC Director. Coulon/Castle/Commissioner Handrich met with Alayne from Michigan to discuss possible EDC/Michigan Works partnership. Further updates at next EDC meeting. Commissioner Handrich stated he wants either Coulon or Castle to provide him with a list of questions he should be asking the exiting Director when he meets with her next Tuesday. The County IT person Craig will work on removing all files from exiting Directors computer and backing them up for secure storage. He will also remove EDC phone line from the Housing line.

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Until new director is placed Coulon/Castle will check phone messages as well as emails. Castle suggested a laptop be provided for this task.

New Business- Deer Camp Ribbon Cutting held this morning, Oscoda County EDC & Oscoda County Chamber of Commerce conducted the event. The Oscoda County Herald was on site to record the event and Perez will post to Face Book page. The Board discussed Facebook postings of area businesses and community events that are being done by Perez and how it is a great step in the right direction. Layman suggested the use of hashtags, and suggesting that the EDC implement our own hashtag, possibly **#edcbusinessshowcase**. Letter of Support for Big Creek Townships Blight Elimination Grant. **Motion by Castle to provide Letter of Support to Big Creek Township for Blight Elimination Grant , 2nd by Roddy, Motion Passes.** Big Creek Township Support Resolution for the Prosperity Grant. **Motion by Roddy to provide Support Resolution to Big Creek Township for Prosperity Grant, 2nd by Welser, Both Castle & Coulon abstain due to conflict of interest. Motion Passes.**

Liaison's Report (Ted Handrich)- Nothing further to add.

Correspondence/Information: N/A

Public Comments (limit two minutes): Coulon commented to board that a new subdivision is being planned and property being cleared on north side of M-72 west of SubStation between Mio & Luzerne.

EDC Motion to Close EDC- Welser/Chaney 6:57- Motion Passes

Open Brownfield Board- Chaney/Coulon 6:57-Motion to open Brownfield Board-Motion Passes

Coulon advised that Big Creek Twp passed a Renewable Energy Ordinance, with language addressing decommissioning of solar & wind sites which was not in place prior to Ordinance. Welser mentioned escrow accounts in the past that were in place for clean up of nuke/oil/gas sites. Layman mentioned gas station as an example

Adjournment- Chaney/Welser 7:02-Motion to close Brownfield-Motion Passes Meeting Adjourned.