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**OSCODA COUNTY EDC
Meeting Minutes September 17, 2025
6PM Oscoda County Library**

Members Present: Coulon, Southwell, Castle, Layman, Marshall, Chaney, Morris

Members Absent: Deguzman, Roddy

RLF Report: First two accounts are 60 and 90 days past due respectively. Christina stopped last Wednesday, 9/10/2025 -has not received a response from account 06072018. This account is currently approaching 120 days past due. Coulon will make one last attempt to contact before calling attorney. Account 02212017 is approaching 90 days past due, this account also has a recent agreement. Southwell will be sending 90 day late notice this week.

Loan funds available in RLF: \$91,292.26

Old Business: Laptop: Southwell spoke with Alfred from the County IT department, Coulon is going to call Alfred next week to discuss options for the laptop, but also the potential for Southwell to be able to utilize the Register of Deeds printer to avoid using Rene's office which might not always be available. Once the laptop situation is resolved, the dropbox account will be cancelled.

USDA Grant Flyer - this has been shared on social media.

New Business: The loan committee has requested that we add a background check to the loan process to be paid for by the borrower.

Coulon made a motion to implement a background check as part of the loan process 2nd by Chaney, motion passed.

OCEA grant award update: Southwell shared that there were 3 applicants for the grant funds. She turned it over to the loan committee to share their process and experience. Layman shared that working through the process was frustrating due to the lack of information from the SBDC and OCEA. Had we had correct information the outcome could have been different. However, we were able to review 3 applicants. 1 was disqualified due to not having attended the required meeting. Out of all three applicants we were able to award 1 business almost the full amount of their request. This will help this business purchase all new mattresses, and items for their rooms. Layman also shared the loan committee's apprehension to work with the SBDC or OCEA again in the future due to it reflecting poorly on the EDC.

Member Resignation: Christine Curley has submitted her resignation due to a realignment with her employer.

Layman made a motion to accept resignation, 2nd by Castle. Motion passed.

Mio Dam Status Report: Consumers has made the decision to sell the dams to a company called Confluence Hydro / Hallstreet Energy out of Maryland. Consumers goal was to find someone with the capabilities to fund and maintain the dams. It will be approximately a 12-18 month time period for the approval process from the



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feds and state. The second step is hugely important and if it does not pass this portion of approvals, it will go back to phase 1. Consumers selected the best candidate to move forward. They will also be hosting another public meeting in the near future to bring the public up to speed with the process. It's been 2 years since the last meeting.

This will be a slow transition as it moves through each phase. The Dam all the property and the hydro employees all are sold with the dam.

Liaison Report: Nothing to report

No Public Comments

No Brownfield Report

Chaney made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Castle