Thursday, February 21, 2019 - EDC Meeting Official Minutes

5:00 PM — Mio Public Library

Call to Order, invocation of the flag and roll call: 5:02 pm


Members absent: Duanne Roddy (2018), Dean Wilson (0000)

Liaison Present: Kyle Yoder

Contract Manager of N.I.C.E. present: Director – Jim Slasinski

Members of the Public Present: Denise Agius

Guests: N/A

AJ/Pat: Motion to Approve January Agenda

Motion Carries — All-in-favor

Al/AJ: Motion to approve January Official Minutes

Motion Carries — All-in-favor

Liaison's Report:

Michigan Works has facilities grants, contact businesses to find needs. They will be coming to March meeting to help with EDC growth. What do we want to see? They provide small businesses with consultants to help with potential employee personal issues. Potential for county to buy into this for all businesses to share.

NEMCOG: Place making and branding town as something. Can we sponsor this?

Comins Township sold property to Dollar General. Now the township is blocking Dollar General from coming in.

Old Business:

The director presented the monthly Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Report for January.

Look into whether lenders are carrying business insurance. Also look into whether current loan documents contain such a clause for carrying insurance.
New Business:
Al/Ashton-Motion to appoint Ron Knott to the EDC
All in favor- motion carries

Regarding business loans, 5 of the 12 businesses are in arrears. We need to draft proper document to ensure payment compliance.

NOTE: At approx. 5:40 pm, the library director came by to inform EDC board members that the room was already scheduled for a 6 pm group. We were asked to vacate the room by 6 pm.

At 6:05 pm, that group did not show up.

Correspondence: Members of the community (Habitat for Humanity) purchased a refurbished washer and dryer for a citizen living in Luzerne, MI. The Warehouse (a local business) provided additional maintenance to check out and hook up propane clothes dryer.

Public Comments:

Denise Agius came to discuss the potential Dollar General in Comins Township. She thinks small businesses will suffer from the store. Not every large business is good growth for small communities. They tend to cause the closure of small mom and pop stores.

Jon/Misty: Motion to adjourn regular meeting @ 5:55 pm and open Brownfield Board meeting.

Motion carries: All-in-favor.

Jon/Al: Motion to adjourn Brownfield Meeting at 5:55 pm.

Motion carries: All-in-favor