

REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES

DATE: March 3, 2009

PLACE: Building #119 - Conference Room
Kincheloe, MI 49788

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Kay, Chair
Patricia Benoit
Richard Brawley
Paul Coutant
Dan Dasho
Aaron Hopper
Larry Palma
James Quinnell
Richard Timmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EDC STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Noel
Paula Adams
John Trembl
Tami Beseau

OTHER PERSONS: Judy Hendrickson, MI WORKS!

I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order, by Chairman Kay, at 4:15 P.M., with all members in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES - MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Hopper, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2009, as presented. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

A. Judy Hendrickson, MI WORKS!, advised that the agency has incumbent worker funding available; and that Integrated Composites and Precision Edge are adding employment positions.

B. Director Palma advised that clean-up has commenced at the Local Express site; and that the Township has received earnest money from an individual for the purchase and renovation of the hotel (formerly Eagle Inn).

C. Director Timmer advised that a local group is investigating cogeneration, steam and electrical, through burning waste materials. The process can involve any type of waste materials; however, each facility is restricted to a specific single fuel source. DeVere and Wilcox are joint venturing the concept, and are projecting 8 - 10 year paybacks.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. Executive Committee - Chairman Kay reported that the committee met on February 11th; and reported on the variety of matters discussed. MOTION by Director Timmer, supported by Director Coutant, approving the report of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

B. Finance Committee - Committee Chair Benoit reported that the committee had met on February 17, 2009.

1. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Brawley, approving January payable vouchers #001 - #037, totaling \$178,943.29. Motion carried.

2. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Hopper, approving January Financial Statements. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. Finance Committee (cont'd)

3. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Hopper, approving tractor repairs, in the amount of \$3,850.00. Motion carried.

4. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Coutant, approving the report of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

C. Airport Committee - Committee Chair Brawley reported on matters discussed through the committee meeting of February 18th, and in workshop session, on February 25th. MOTION by Director Brawley, supported by Director Quinnell, approving the report of the Airport Committee. Motion carried.

D. Joint Advisory Committee - No meeting

E. Brownfield Committee - No meeting

F. Staff Activity - Noel briefed on staff undertakings contained with the written report.

1. MOTION by Director Brawley, supported by Director Timmer, that Resolution 2009 - #01, Accepting Federal Grant Offer, #3-26-0139-2509, be approved, effective February 20, 2009. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. MOTION by Director Brawley, supported by Director Quinnell, that Resolution 2009 - #02, Approving MDOT/EDC "Sponsor" Contract, #2009-0161, be approved. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

3. MOTION by Director Coutant, supported by Director Hopper, approving the February Staff Activity report. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Director Dasho advised there is a projected in the planning stages for an \$80 billion transmission line, to run from Duluth across the entire UP. Also, NRECA is a potential funding source for infrastructure improvements for Frontier. Director Dasho will provide additional information, as the same becomes available.

B. Chairman Kay appointed a Nominating Committee, to report at the Annual Meeting:

Pat Benoit, Chair
Jim Quinnell
Paul Coutant

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Timmer, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business before the group, Chairman Kay declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 P. M.

Earl Kay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved

Richard F. Brawley, Corporate Secretary