



**Chippewa County
Economic Development Corporation**



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REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES

DATE: November 3, 2009

PLACE: Conference Room
Commercial Terminal Building
Kincheloe, MI 49788

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Kay, Chair
Patricia Benoit
Richard Brawley
Dan Dasho
James Quinnell
Richard Timmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Coutant
Aaron Hopper
Larry Palma

EDC STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Noel
Paula Adams
John Trembl

OTHER PERSONS: Judy Hendrickson, MI WORKS!
Don McLean, County Commissioner
Jesse Knoll, County Commissioner

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES - MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Quinnell, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2009, as presented. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

A. Judy Hendrickson, MI WORKS! - reported that officials of Frontier Renewable Resources will be meeting with MI WORKS! later in the week to discuss employee training needs.

B. County Commissioner Don McLean

- inquired as to whether a County Letter of Support would be helpful relative to the Essential Air Service matter; and requested the EDC to draft such a letter and submit to the County for execution.

- advised that Cherry Capital Connection has approached the County for funding assistance to write a grant for stimulus fund for Broadband capabilities in the EUP, the firm is working with Luce and Mackinac Counties as well. Chairman Kay requested a presentation from Cherry Capital Connection to the EDC Board in this regard.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. Executive Committee - Chairman Kay reported that the committee had not met during the month.

B. Finance Committee - Committee Chair Benoit advised that the group had met on October 20, 2009:

1. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Brawley, approving September Financial Statements and payable vouchers #529 - #585, totaling \$102,437.47. Motion carried.

2. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Dasho, approving the report of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

C. Airport Committee - Committee Chair Brawley reported on matters discussed during the monthly meeting of October 21st; the Workshop session with the airlines on October 28th (date correction); and in Joint Advisory Committee, with the County's Transportation Committee on October 26th. MOTION by Director Brawley, supported by Director Quinnell, approving the reports of the Airport Committee. Motion carried.

D. Joint Advisory Committee - see C. Airport Committee above.

E. Brownfield Committee - No meeting

F. Staff Activity - Noel briefed on items contained within her monthly report.

1. MOTION by Director Brawley, supported by Director Dasho, approving Resolution 2009 - #08: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF A RENEWABLE RENAISSANCE ZONE ON FRONTIER RENEWABLE RESOURCES PROPERTY ALONG GAINES HIGHWAY LOCATED IN KINROSS TOWNSHIP IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MI, AND A SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC) TO ESTABLISH THE SAME. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. An October 16th e-mail, which had accompanied the staff report, would be made a part of the corporate record, as an attachment to the minutes of today's meeting.

3. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Dasho, approving the staff report. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS - Director Dasho provided information concerning Cloverland Electric Cooperative's acquisition of Edison Sault Electric Company. A vote of Cloverland's membership is scheduled for November 12, 2009. Director Dasho explained that Edison's customer base is larger than Cloverland's (22,000 and 18,000 respectively), and Cloverland has more lines than Edison (1,500 miles and 820 miles respectively). Director Dasho indicated that the overriding benefit of the acquisition is local control, indicating some cost and operational efficiencies will be accomplished as well.

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 5:28 P. M.

Earl Kay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved

Richard F. Brawley, Corporate Secretary