

REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES

DATE: May 1, 2012

PLACE: Conference Room
Building #119
Kincheloe, MI 49788

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Kay, Chair
Patricia Benoit
Richard Brawley
Leisa Mansfield
Larry Palma
Jim Quinnell
Dick Timmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Dasho
Don McLean

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

OTHER PERSONS: Jim Portice, EUP Shavings

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES - MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Benoit, approving the minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 3, 2012, as presented. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Jim Portice indicated he is starting a new business, EUP Shavings, which will produce animal bedding. Mr. Portice stated that he has been working with the EDC for a building to set up his business. His first preference is the former Gitchee Gumme pellets building, and he is aware that the building is currently controlled by the bankruptcy trustee. Mr. Portice indicated that he can make the former Kretz Lumber properties (#232 with a lean-to and #227 for storage) work, but wanted to approach the Board to request that he be given first consideration if building #427 becomes available. Mr. Portice indicated that he has purchased some of the pellet mill equipment from the bank, and needs to have the equipment removed by May 25th. Mr. Portice indicated that a lease of building #427 would save him between \$10,000 to \$30,000 in costs to relocate and have the equipment reinstalled (electrical and natural gas) in building #232. Chairman Kay thanked Mr. Portice for his comments and advised Mr. Portice to continue to work with EDC staff relative to a building location.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

B. Finance Committee - Committee Chair Benoit reported that the committee had met on April 17th:

1) MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Brawley, approving March vouchers #164 - #230, including payroll, totaling \$148,276.85. Motion carried.

2) MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Quinnell, approving March financial statements. Motion carried.

3) MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Brawley, that the EDC invest \$46,000.00 in the MERS OPEB trust account. Motion carried.

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

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

C. Airport Committee - Committee Chair Brawley reported on matters discussed during the regular monthly meeting on April 18th, a workshop with the airlines on April 25th, and a Joint Advisory Committee session on April 30th. It was noted that the Joint Advisory minutes incorrectly showed County Commissioner Knoll as convening the meeting, the minutes will be corrected to read Commissioner Moore. MOTION by Director Brawley, supported by Director Timmer, approving the reports of the Airport Committee, with the correction. Motion carried.

D. Joint Advisory Committee - see Airport Committee above

E. Brownfield Committee - no meeting

F. Staff Activity - Noel reported on items contained within the monthly report.

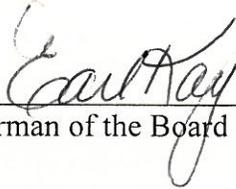
1. MOTION by Director Timmer, supported by Director Quinnell, approving a five (5) year lease of buildings #232 & #227 and accompanying ground area, to EUP Shavings, with revenues totaling \$62,640.00 over the 5 year term. Motion carried.

2. MOTION by Director Timmer, supported by Director Benoit, approving the staff report. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS - Noel referred the Directors to the EDC History presentation contained within the Board packet, which she had neglected to point out during the staff report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - Chairman Kay advised that he, and Noel, had attended a Sault Area Manufacturer's luncheon at LSSU earlier in the month, which was very informative. The presentation involved a mobile training center for CNC design and production applications. Director Timmer indicated he had attended the MEDC Bus Tour on April 24th and that, short of LSSU's presentation, he found the disappointing, as it was not as informative as expected.

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 4:55 P. M.



Earl Kay, Chairman of the Board

06/05/12

Date Approved



Richard F. Brawley, Corporate Secretary