

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

PLACE: EDC Building #119

5019 W. AIRPORT DRIVE

Kincheloe, MI 49788

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

TIME: 4:15 P.M.

- I. Call to Order – 4:15 p.m. – Chairman McLean – Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Presentation of Minutes – Regular Meeting February 3, 2015
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Audit presentation Phil Wolf, Anderson, Tackman & Co.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee – no meeting
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Airport Committee
 - d. Brownfield Committee – no meeting
- VI. New Business
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES

DATE: February 3, 2015

PLACE: Conference Room
5019 W. Airport Drive
Kincheloe, MI 49788

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don McLean, Chair
Jim Quinnell
Dick Timmer
Ralf Wilhelms
Leisa Mansfield
Jim Moore
Dan Dasho
Kurt Perron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Brawley

EDC STAFF PRESENT: Tami Beseau
Tim Gregory
Tom Ewing
John Treml
Brian Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Wedesky – EUP Regional Planning
Kristen Claus – SSM EDC

I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order, by Chairman McLean, at 4:18 P.M., with a quorum of the membership in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES - MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Wilhelms, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no Public Comments offered.

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS –

A. Executive Committee – No meeting was held.

B. Finance Committee - Committee Chair Quinnell advised that the committee met on December 16th and reported on matters discussed.

1. MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Timmer, approving payable vouchers, #758 - #829, plus December payroll and payroll liabilities for the amount of \$157,628.38, and the December financial statements. Motion carried.

Chairman Quinnell reported that Phil Wolfe from Anderson, Tackman & Company, was at the EDC January 12th & 13th completing his on-site portion of the 2014 audit. He seemed pleased with the improvements made to the financial reporting throughout the past year. Everything is on track to have his presentation to the Finance Committee and the full board in the coming months.

2. MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Timmer, to approve the cost of Tami Beseau and Tom Ewing attending the M.A.A.E. Conference February 18th – 19th in Lansing, MI. Cost would not exceed \$700.00, and to approve mileage reimbursement for any Board members who would like to attend. Chippewa County International Airport will be announced as Airport of the Year at the conference. Motion carried.

3. MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Timmer, to approve the report of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

C. Airport Committee – Committee member Leisa Mansfield reported on matters discussed during the committee's monthly meeting and Airport Workshop. Director Mansfield thanked all the staff for the work they did in the past year.

1. MOTION by Director Mansfield, supported by Director Moore to approve the report of the Airport Committee. Motion carried.

D. Brownfield Committee - No meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McLean expressed his strong support for continuing GIS mapping, and its importance to economic development in the region.

Director Timmer, speaking as a member of the Chippewa County Road Commission asked to go on record in appreciation for the help provided by the Sault Tribe, and Wendy Hoffman, in obtaining major funding assistance to help cover the cost of major repairs to roads on Sugar Island.

President Ewing directed board members attention to his monthly report on activities.

President Ewing reported that work is continuing with the Ad Hoc strategic planning committee, CCEDC staff and Eric Wedesky of EUP Regional Planning to structure strategies to accomplish objectives approved by the board.

Director Dasho reported on a public hearing held recently in Newberry, MI regarding the proposed Graymont mining operations in the EUP. He expressed displeasure with the way some officials at the DNR acted during the process.

Director Dasho presented a brief update on the current status of the energy crisis related to the operation of the Presque Isle Power Plant in Marquette. Significant progress has been made to reduce the eventual costs to EUP residents. More still to be done.

President Ewing presented the corporation's new website design. Explaining the various sections and plans for its ongoing development and updating.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Director Timmer, supported by Director Quinnell, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business before the group, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:35 P. M.

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Chairman of the Board

Date Approved

Corporate Secretary