

Antrim County

Economic Development Corporation

Mission Statement: Retain, expand, and promote County-wide economic growth and stability.

May 20, 2019
Minutes

Members present: Mike Allison, Pete Garwood, Kathy Peterson, Dave Heeres, Bonnie Robbins, John Meeske, Veronica Welter, Rachel Krino, Sherry Comben

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Travis Youatt, Sue Palmisano

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by Mike Allison

2. Public Comment

Rachel Krino introduced the new Executive Director of the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce, Sue Palmisano. Pete Garwood introduced the new Deputy County Administrator, Travis Youatt.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kathy Peterson, seconded by Pete Garwood, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019 as presented.

Motion passed - unanimous

4. Area Chambers of Commerce (Information Only)

Rachel Krino indicated she spoke with the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce. They are willing to give the EDC a membership cost of \$110, which is the rate for non-profit organizations. Ms. Krino said the Bellaire Chamber membership for non-profits is \$105.

It was the consensus of the EDC to add the cost of area chamber memberships to the fiscal year 2020 budget. The EDC will approve their 2020 budget in August/September.

5. Presentation: Bellaire Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Krino gave a presentation on the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce to the group.

6. Various Matters

Members discussed the NLEA Spring Event held at the Great Lakes Center of the Arts.

7. Public Comment

Bonnie Robbins told the EDC the Antrim County chapter of Habitat for Humanity has begun the dissolution process. The Emmet County chapter will take over the Antrim County responsibilities.

KP Great Lakes Energy event at the State Theater in Traverse City on May 22, 2019.

Mr. Garwood updated the EDC on the status of the Facilities Master Plan. He anticipates the results from the May survey to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at one of the June meetings.

Sherry Comben informed the group that Warner Township is partnering up with Elmira Township to develop a corridor authority.

Motion by Rachel Krino, seconded by Kathy Peterson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed - unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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