

Economic Development Corporation

January 15, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Jerome Simowski, Pete Garwood, Sherry Comben, Laura Stanek, Tom Lane and Rick Diebold
Members Absent: Bob Peterson and Allyn Wright
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others Present: Andy Hayes and Jan Kellogg

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Pete Garwood.

2. Organizational Meeting

Jerome Simowski nominated Rick Diebold as Chair, Tom Lane as Vice Chair, and Sherry Comben as Treasurer.

Motion by Jerome Simowski, supported by Laura Stanek, to close nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rick Diebold for Chair, Tom Lane as Vice-chair, and Sherry Comben as Treasurer. Motion carried – unanimous.

Motion by Jerome Simowski, supported by Laura Stanek, to continue having meetings on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 8:30 am. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. October 16, 2007 Minutes

Motion by Laura Stanek, supported by Pete Garwood to approve the October 16, 2007 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Market Study

Jan Kellogg indicated that there have been two (2) Phase-One Brownfield studies on Antrim County properties. The Committee spoke on what is in a Phase-One study.

Discussion ensued over the market study for the Business Park and indicated that they would be “piggy-backing” them on a regional market study they are currently doing.

Discussion ensued over the budget of the project.

Motion by Pete Garwood, supported by Jerry Simowski, to dedicate \$7,500 for the market study with NLEA. Motion carried – unanimous.

Rick Diebold appointed Pete Garwood to oversee the study.

Discussion ensued over any overages to the market study because \$7,500 was just an estimate.

Motion by Bob Peterson, supported by Tom Lane to amend the motion for the cost not to exceed \$8,000. Motion carried – unanimous.

5. Various Matters

Ms. Kellogg gave an update on the activities at NLEA and informed us of the meeting on March 7, 2008.

Mr. Peterson spoke on how Traverse Bay Manufacturing might be expanding.

Mr. Garwood spoke on a letters from the DEQ about money for publically owned property and the urban land assembly program.

6. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

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July 15, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Pete Garwood, Sherry Comben, Robert Peterson, Laura Stanek, Jerome Simowski, and Rick Diebold

Members Absent: Tom Lane

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others Present: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Rick Diebold.

2. Review of the January 15, 2008 Minutes

Motion by Pete Garwood, supported by Jerome Simowski, to approve the January 15, 2008 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Business Park

Joe Meyers spoke on the business park and the three different plans for the acreage.

Discussion ensued over the plans and the sections they liked and disliked in all three sets of plans.

Jerry Simowski indicated that he felt that the residential and the senior living should be clustered and that there was not a strong need for athletic fields. He also felt that there is a strong need for trails throughout the property.

The committee indicated that they would definitely like to see senior living in the project as well as future expansion of the industrial/business park.

The committee indicated that they were appreciative of all the efforts that have occurred and are excited about the future of the Business Park.

5. Various matters

Pete Garwood spoke on wind generators and the Planning Commission's efforts.

Mr. Garwood also spoke on the Russian USAID project being worked on by the Planning Commission members.

6. Communications

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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October 21, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Pete Garwood, Sherry Comben, Robert Peterson, Laura Stanek, Jerome Simowski, Tom Lane, and Rick Diebold

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others Present: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Bob Peterson.

2. Review of the July 15, 2008 Minutes

Motion by Laura Stanek, supported by Jerome Simowski, to approve the July 15, 2008 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Mancelona Renewable Resources (Bio-Energy Company) Discussion

Pete Garwood spoke on the Mancelona Renewable Resources company and potential locations for the facility.

The Committee discussed the positives and negatives of the plant. Further discussion ensued over the different renaissance zones.

5. Agreement with Mancelona Township, Antrim County, and CRD

The Committee discussed the agreement for the properties.

Motion by Jerry Simowski, supported by Pete Garwood, to recommend the Board of Commissioners approves the agreement with Mancelona Township and CRD for the use of the Industrial Park Property. Motion carried – unanimous.

5. Various matters

Discussion ensued over Echo Quality Grinding.

Joe Meyers handed out Grand Vision Ballots and asked the Committee to fill them out.

Bob Peterson spoke on Burnett Foods in Elk Rapids.

6. Communications

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.