

Economic Development Corporation

January 20, 2009

Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Meyers and Peggy Kole

Others Present: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Joe Meyers.

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 Sherry Comben, supported by Laura Stanek to approve the October 21, 2008 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Whitaker Study

Peggy Kole informed the committee that the NLEA would like to invite Brian Eggers of AKT Peerless to a meeting with the EDC to discuss Brownfield opportunities in the County.

Pete Garwood indicated that the NLEA wanted Jerry Simowski, Laurie Stanek, and Bob Peterson to meet with the consultant to discuss potential sites for business parks throughout the county.

Rick Diebold appointed Jerry Simowski, Laurie Stanek, and Bob Peterson to the Antrim County Business Park Site Assessment Feasibility Study Ad Hoc Committee.

5. Various Matters

Pete Garwood presented some communications from the NLEA.

Bob Peterson spoke on Burnette Foods and the issues that they are having with maraschino cherry waste. Discussion ensued over the processing of waste in waste water treatment plants.

6. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Economic Development Corporation

April 21, 2009

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:	Jan Kellogg, Jaclyn Meil-Uken, Sheri Rhoads, Joe Allen

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Rick Diebold.

2. Review of the January 20, 2009 Minutes

Motion by Laura Stanek, supported by Jerome Simowski, to approve the January 20, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. NWMCOG

Jaclyn Meil-Uken, from the NWMCOG discussed the Economic Development Administration and the different programs that they typically fund. Ms. Meil-Uken also talked about the Knowledge Economy and how they are doing programs educating and promoting the principles of growing the Knowledge Economy.

Rick Diebold inquired about the CEDS List vs. Shovel Ready Projects.

Jan Kellogg presented the business park site assessment study. Ms. Kellogg passed out handouts describing the results of the study. Discussion followed over the different potential sites for an industrial park.

Mr. Diebold asked the review committee to reconvene to discuss the park.

Sheri Rhoads spoke on AKT Peerless and having them come to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to discuss receiving more Brownfield money.

Discussion ensued over the invitation to the NLEA Annual Lunch.

5. Various matters

Pete Garwood discussed Land Banks and the upcoming conference.

6. Communications

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Economic Development Corporation

July 21, 2009

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: Sheri Rhoads and Brian Eggers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Rick Diebold.

2. Review of the April 21, 2009 Minutes

Motion by Pete Garwood, supported by Jerome Simowski, to approve the April 21, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Tax Sharing Policy

The Committee reviewed the Tax Sharing Policy and discussed the contents.

Discussion ensued over the difference between DDA's and TIFA's. Further discussion ensued over the different DDA's throughout the County.

The Committee directed the Coordinator/Planner Office to review the Tax Sharing Policy.

5. Various matters

Pete Garwood spoke on the proposal from Cherry Capitol Connection.

6. Communications

The Committee decided that they will hold a Special Meeting on August 19, 2009 at 1 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Economic Development Corporation

August 19, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: Pete Garwood, Sherry Comben, Robert Peterson, Laura Stanek, and Jerome Simowski
Members Absent: Tom Lane and Rick Diebold
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others Present: Jack White and Charlie Koop

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Sherry Comben.

2. Review of the July 21, 2009 Minutes

Motion by Bob Peterson, supported by Jerome Simowski, to approve the July 21, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Business Park

Pete Garwood indicated that Jan Kellogg, who was unable to attend the meeting, spoke to him about the Business Park report. Mr. Garwood also said that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) likes it when communities have plans such as the one just completed by Antrim County. Mr. Garwood spoke about the potential to get some Community Development Block Grant monies with the MR2 facility for our Business Park.

Discussion ensued over different funding sources for the Business Park. No action was taken at this time.

5. Tax Sharing Policy

Charlie Koop indicated he had reviewed the Tax Sharing Policy. During his review of the Policy he found no objections to it but he could not make policy decisions and the Board would have to approve Sections 6.1, 6.2, and 6.4.

Discussion ensued over the past practice of allowing Downtown Development Authorities (DDAs).

The Committee went through the Tax Sharing Policy line-by-line to discuss their thoughts.

Motion by Laura Stanek, supported by Jerry Simowski, to recommend the Finance Committee review and approve the Tax Sharing Policy. Motion carried – unanimous.

Pete Garwood indicated that the Coordinator/Planner Office would send a copy of the Policy to the communities that currently have DDAs.

6. Communications

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Economic Development Corporation

November 24, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: Pete Garwood, Sherry Comben, Robert Peterson, and Jerome Simowski
Members Absent: Laura Stanek, Tom Lane and Rick Diebold
Staff Present: Pete Garwood
Others Present: Jan Kellogg

After a review of the Articles of Incorporation, it was established that there was a quorum.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Sherry Comben, EDC Treasurer.

2. Review of the August 19, 2009 Minutes

Motion by Bob Peterson, supported by Jerome Simowski, to approve the August 19, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Business Park – Mancelona

Jan Kellogg gave a verbal outline of our previous discussion regarding the Whittaker Study and the status of the Mancelona Business Park. Ms. Kellogg stated that there may be grants available for up to half the cost of developing the Park.

The Commission members discussed strategies for the development of the Business Park and the marketing of the empty industrial buildings in Antrim County.

The Commission discussed the establishment of an inventory of empty industrial buildings in Antrim County, along with pertinent information about the services available, condition of the facility and regulations for the community in which the building is located.

Mr. Garwood indicated he would like to see a “Business Center” established in either Central Lake or Bellaire. Ms. Kellogg informed the Committee that Business Centers are established by the NLEA, but are usually spearheaded by the local Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Garwood informed the Committee that the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce Director is Patty Savant.

The NLEA will develop a form for the gathering of appropriate information on the empty buildings in the County. The Coordinator/Planner Office will get the form to the local government units with a request that they complete the form and send them back to the Coordinator/Planner Office. The Coordinator/Planner Office will then send them on to the NLEA.

The inventory will be listed on the County and NLEA websites with contact information.

Sherry Comben suggested the Commission develop a time-line for the development of the Business Park. She also suggested that the Commission discuss with the Board of Commissioners the possibility of budgeting for the development of the Business Park.

Jerry Simowski indicated that for the Central Lake Chamber of Commerce, Chris Corbett is highly involved.

Jan Kellogg distributed information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Recovery Zone bonds (attached).

5. "The Breezeway"

Jan Kellogg gave the Commission an update on the activities of the group that has been promoting "The Breezeway" on C-48.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.