

Economic Development Corporation

March 8, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Jerome Simowski, Jerroll Drenth, Larry Stine, Rick Diebold, Bob Peterson, Ron Furtaw, Mike Hayes, Pete Garwood, and Sherry Comben

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Meyers

Others Present: Sheri Rhoads

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Pete Garwood.

2. Organizational Meeting

Jerome Simowski nominated Rick Diebold as Chair as long as the Board of Commissioners reappoints him to the Economic Development Corporation.

Motion by Mike Hayes, supported by Sherry Comben, to close nominations and a unanimous ballot to be cast for Rick Diebold for Chair as long as the Board of Commissioners reappoint him to the Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried – unanimous.

Rick Diebold nominated Bob Peterson as Vice Chair.

Motion by Rick Diebold, supported by Sherry Comben, to close nominations and a unanimous ballot to be cast for Bob Peterson for Vice Chair. Motion carried – unanimous.

Rick Diebold nominated Jerry Simowski for Secretary.

Motion by Rick Diebold, supported by Sherry Comben, to close nominations and a unanimous ballot to be cast for Jerry Simowski for Secretary. Motion carried – unanimous.

Discussion ensued over the meeting dates and times.

Motion by Mike Hayes, supported by Sherry Comben, to hold meetings on the third Tuesday of July, and October at 9:00 am. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the Elk Rapids Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the process of the County review of the DDA. Discussion ensued over DDA's.

Discussion ensued over different economic development projects in the County. Sheri Rhoads informed the committee of the NLEA Organization and what is happening throughout the region.

Discussion ensued over the Elk Rapids DDA director and the MeadowBrook project.

5. Public/Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Economic Development Corporation

July 19, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Jerome Simowski, Jerroll Drenth, Larry Stine, Rick Diebold, Bob Peterson, Ron Furtaw, and Sherry Comben
Members Absent: Mike Hayes and Pete Garwood
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others Present: Sheri Rhoads and Mac McClland

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Rick Diebold.

2. Brownfield Redevelopment

Mr. McClland gave a presentation on Brownfield Redevelopment (attached).

The Committee discussed Brownfield Redevelopment and the Brownfield Plan for the County.

Rick Diebold asked the Administration and Planning Office to review the Brownfield Plan with the NLEA for needed changes for our next meeting.

4. Various Matters

Mr. Peterson spoke on the DDA in Elk Rapids.

Ms. Comben spoke on economic development projects that are going on throughout the County including, the Merit Broadband project, 45th Parallel Furniture, Armor Express, Ellsworth Farmer's Exchange, Mancelona Façade Grant. Ms. Comben also informed the committee that there are two business resource centers that have opened in the County, one being in Central Lake and the other in Elk Rapids.

Mr. Meyers informed the EDC that the Planning Commission has requested a joint meeting. Mr. Diebold indicated that he would contact the chair of the Planning Commission.

5. Public/Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Economic Development Corporation

October 18, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Jerome Simowski, Jerroll Drenth, Larry Stine, Rick Diebold, Bob Peterson, Ron Furtaw, Pete Garwood, and Sherry Comben
Members Absent: Mike Hayes
Staff Present: Joe Meyers
Others Present: Sheri Rhoads

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Rick Diebold.

2. Minutes

Motion by Jerry Simowski, supported by Sherry Comben, to approve the July 19th minutes as amended. Motion carried – unanimous.

3. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan

Joe Meyers and Sheri Rhoads passed out the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for the Dilworth Hotel in Charlevoix County to show the differences between our current plan and the new required plans.

4. Antrim County Master Plan

Mr. Meyers informed the Committee that the Planning Commission has asked the EDC to review the Economic Development Corporation section of the Master Plan. The EDC set up a subcommittee of Rick Diebold, Jerry Simowski, and Ron Furtaw to review the Master Plan.

5. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance update

Ms. Rhoads spoke on events happening with the NLEA. Ms. Rhoads also gave the EDC a tour of the NLEA Website.

6. Public/Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.