

KALAMAZOO COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
**MINUTES**

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**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, April 22, 2010  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** County Administration Building

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Present were: Clare Annen, Robert Barnard, Ruth Blake, Leroy Crabtree, Marc Hatton, Ken Peregona, Julie Rogers, Anne Summerfield, Matthew VanDyk, Thell Woods  
Kalamazoo Township: George Cochran  
Staff Support: David Artley, Jeff Hawkins (consultant), Lotta Jarnfelt  
Excused: Larry Baumgart  
Absent: Representatives from Augusta and Comstock  
Recording Secretary: Lori Pyatt

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:26 pm by former Chairperson Woods who then turned the meeting over to the newly elected chairperson Matthew VanDyk.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Minutes as presented was made by Mr. Crabtree, supported by Ms. Rogers and unanimously approved.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments made. Chairperson VanDyk recognized Anne Summerfield, who gave a brief history.

*A motion to seat Ms. Summerfield was made by Mr. Woods, supported by Ms. Rogers, and was unanimously approved.*

The other members introduced themselves. (Mr. Barnard arrived at 4:48.)

4. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Artley recalled how Mr. Woods stepped into the Chair position; he thanked Mr. Woods for his service to the Board.

5. LAND BANK

Mr. Crabtree reported on the previous meeting of the Land Bank, where County Treasurer Balkema spoke on area foreclosures and the funding for community gardens. Mr. Woods said forging a relationship with Land Bank would be wise.

6. EVENT CENTER VETTING COMMITTEE (ECVC)

Mr. Artley reported that the ACW group had not reached a consensus on the ballot initiative, but the issue would have to be decided by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

7. OTHER

Mr. Artley briefly addressed the other projects that could utilize the RZF bonds if the event center wasn't supported. Mr. Woods suggested that if the bonds weren't used by the event center it may a good idea to let the community know the bonds were available. It was indicated that Washington most likely would not extend the usage deadline of those bonds.

Lengthy discussion ensued on the potential of charging an administrative fee for issuing of bonds; the group agreed that it would be good to look into the possibility. Mr. Barnard said that the County & Community Resources Committee would be a good place to seek answers. Although questions had already been posed to the County & Community Resource Committee, Mr. Hatton said a road map on the issue would be helpful. The Board then discussed where this funding might come from; Mr. Barnard said requests would have to be submitted for the County budget six months in advance.

Mr. Artley was asked to follow up on the questions presented to the Commissioners at the February 29<sup>th</sup> presentation.

8. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were no comments made.

9. ADJOURNEMNT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Crabtree, supported by Ms. Rogers, and was unanimously approved at 5:15pm.

***NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 27, 2010***

*Respectfully submitted: LP*