

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2013
PLACE OF MEETING: County Administration Building
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, 207a
TIME: 4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Members Excused
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. EDC Minutes of July, 25 2013
5. Citizens Comments (4 minutes each / Please state name and address)
6. Discussion and/or Action Calendar: ~ Packets are available before the meeting
 - a. Report from Woods on the activities of other EDCs
7. Reports: Staff and Committees
 - a. None
8. Other
9. Board Member Comments
10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: 4th Thursday – January 23, 2014

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Minutes

Present: Clare Annen, Christopher Carew, Tim Hudson, Ken Peregon, Julie Rogers,
Anne Summerfield, Thell Woods, Travis Grimwood, Andy Wenzel, Habib Mandwee

Members Excused: Joe Agostinelli

Kalamazoo Township: None

Staff: Lee Adams, Lotta Jarnefelt

Consultant: Jeff Hawkins

Recording Secretary: Zeña Vos

Community: none

1. Chair Woods called the meeting to Order at 4:00 pm.
2. Members Excused: Joe Agostinelli
3. Approval of the Agenda: **Annen moved and Peregon seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion Carried.**
4. Approval of Minutes: **Peregon moved and Hudson seconded the approval of April 25, 2013 minutes. Motion Carried.**
5. Citizens Comments: none
6. Swearing in of new members: Christopher Carew, Tim Hudson, and Habib Mandwee. Tim Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, swore them in. After the swearing in, the new members proceeded to introduce themselves.
7. Discussion and/or Action Calendar:
 - a. None
8. Reports: Staff and Committees: None
Woods asked members what else they should be doing for the EDC.

Annen suggested that Chair should meet with the County Administrator.

Woods shared a discussion he had with a regional economic development agency in the Traverse City area. They stated that their programs could not function without the EDC.

Woods felt that the EDC needs to create an inventory of all the trouble places in the county. Hawkins stated that updating the priority site inventory periodically is not a bad thing.

Woods shared a few ideas that the EDC could pursue: Green idea initiative - training for kids out of high school who are interested in an Environmental field. Dillard University in

Louisiana is offering a similar training course. Woods will bring info at next meeting.

Woods reported that County Board Chair Maturen is going to give the state of the County report at the Rotary meeting next Monday at noon at Radisson.

9. Other

10. Board Member Comments: none

11. Adjournment at 4:18 p.m.

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