

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

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**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, July 24, 2014  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** County Administration Building  
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, 207a  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM (after BRA Board Meeting)

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***Minutes***

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**Present:** Ken Peregon, Thell Woods, Andy Wenzel, Anne Summerfield, Christopher Carew, Travis Grimwood

**Members Excused:** Joe Agostinelli, James Spurr, Habib Mandwee, Tim Hudson, Julie Rogers

**Kalamazoo Township:** George Cochran

**Staff:** Lotta Jarnefelt, Lee Adams

**Consultant:** Jeff Hawkins

**Recording Secretary:** Zeña Vos

**Community:** 1

1. Chair Woods called the meeting to Order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Members Excused: Joe Agostinelli, James Spurr, Habib Mandwee, Tim Hudson, Thell Woods
3. Approval of the Agenda: **Peregon moved and Summerfield seconded the approval of agenda. Motion Carried.**
4. Approval of Minutes: **Summerfield moved and Carew seconded the approval of April 24, 2014 minutes. Motion Carried.**
5. Citizens Comments: None
6. Discussion and/or Action Calendar:
  - a. Presentation by Woods on MEDA conference  
Woods indicated, in an email to staff, that he will give his full presentation at the next meeting. He also noted that crowd funding for economic development is growing in notoriety as evidenced by the number of websites devoted to the concept. An increase in utilization is only seen in the US but also in several other counties.
7. Reports: Staff and Committees:
  - a. None
8. Other:
  - a. None
9. Board Member Comments:
  - Wenzel and Summerfield made comments about Southwest Michigan First and their role in economic development.
  - Several members of the board participated in a brief discussion regarding Southwest Michigan First (SMF) and their role in economic development.
  - Hawkins suggested having more regular communication with SMF at EDC meetings.
  - Summerfield expressed an interest in working collaboratively with SMF.
10. Adjournment at 5:40

***Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday – October 23, 2014***

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