

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

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2013

PLACE OF MEETING: County Administration Building
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, 207a

TIME: After BRA Meeting which starts at 4:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Joe Agostinelli, Clare Annen, Travis Grimwood, Kenneth Peregon, Julie Rogers, Anne Summerfield, Matthew Van Dyk, Andy Wenzel, Thell Woods

Excused: None

Kalamazoo Township: None

Staff: Lee Adams, Lotta Jarnefelt

Consultant: Jeff Hawkins

Recording Secretary: Zeña Vos

Community:

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by Chair Thell Woods
2. Members Excused: None
3. Approval of the Agenda: **Van Dyk moved and Peregon seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion Carried.**
4. Approval of Minutes: **Agostinelli moved and Summerfield seconded approval of December 25, 2012 EDC Minutes. Motion Carried.**
5. Citizens Comments: None
6. Discussion and/or Action Calendar:
 - a. Action: Elect Vice Chair
Andy Wenzel was nominated for Vice Chair by Paragon, seconded by Annen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Discuss:** Report from Southwest Michigan First
 - i. Discuss the possibility of an annual report from Southwest Michigan First

The board agreed to invite them to give the annual report at the July meeting.

Rogers moved and Woods seconded the invitation to Southwest Michigan First to give the Annual Report at the July EDC quarterly meeting. Motion Carried.
7. Reports: Staff and Committees
8. Other
Woods asked Adams to produce copies of by-laws to new members.

Woods asked the board to review the EDC By-Laws Section 1, which he provided. He asked if there is anything the EDC should undertake that to fulfill its purpose of improving the economic conditions of the County.

He asked board members to brainstorm some ideas before next meeting.

Rogers spoke as a new county commissioner. She stated that the County Board of Commission is going to be more pro-active, and will start reviewing the 2013 budget at the next meeting. The County Board will start discussions earlier to finalize the 2014 budget early. Regarding the EDC-EDFP Fund, she will take any recommendation of the EDC to the County Board.

Rogers recommend a book for the board; For the Love of Cities. It's about creative initiatives in communities that drive development and attract jobs.

Jarnfelt and Adams, along with GIS Coordinator Jason Enos, are going to a placemaking workshop with land bank.

9. Board Member Comments:

Rogers asked staff to send out an email with updated contact information of all Board members. She also asked everyone to provide a list any boards or memberships they are on that relate to Brownfield or economic development work.

10. Adjournment at 5:38p.m.

Next Meeting: 4th Thursday – April 25, 2013

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