

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MSUE MEETING ROOM, CASS COUNTY BUILDING**

**Date April 24, 2019**

**Time: 8:30 am**

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Board Members present: Kevin Anderson  X, Roseann Marchetti  X, Rick Russwurm  X, Eugene Wagner  , Junior Oliver  X, James Finan  , Ron McAdam  X, Les McClelland  X, Harry Shaffer  X, Mark Van Dusen  X.

Also present: Robert Benjamin, Leonard Kanczuzewski, and Martha Oliver.

Vice-chair Kevin Anderson asked to amend the agenda and move Election of Chairperson from New Business to just under public comment. Harry Shaffer moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mark VanDusen and motion carried.

Public Comment: Commissioner Chairperson Robert Benjamin explained that he will become the new liaison in place of Terry Ausra and asked for a few minutes to discuss economic development in the county. Robert discussed a recent meeting with Kinexus and said he wanted to look at economic development across the county. He wants to bring in townships and find out what their needs are. How can we support the townships? As an example, Lunkers and how could we have helped and how can we help other businesses. He addressed having a professional support person. Further discussed by Robert were agriculture, Kinexus attending a meeting, and returning next month with further information. Several members asked questions and more discussion followed. Robert ended by saying he is looking for a vision from the EDC Board.

Election of Chair: After discussion Roseann Marchetti moved to appoint Kevin Anderson to the position of Chairperson for a minimum of 90 days and to appoint Junior Oliver as Vice-Chairperson; seconded by Leslie McClelland and motion carried. Les McClelland suggested setting up a committee to review our mission and to explore the EDC vision. Chairperson Anderson asked that Leslie's suggestion be added to the May agenda.

Minutes: Harry Shaffer moved to approve the February 27, 2019, minutes as presented, seconded by Mark VanDusen and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mark VanDusen moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Leslie McClelland and motion carried.

Operations Report: None

Old Business:

501 © 3 is still in process.

Other Business: Roseann Marchetti reported that she and two others met with Wayne Beyea of the MSU/SBEI project along with a landscape architect Jun Huhn-Kim and Shu Yang a senior student in environmental design. It was a very successful meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, Harry Shaffer moved to adjourn, seconded by Leslie McClelland and motion carried. Chairperson Anderson called the meeting adjourned at 9: 15 am.

**We attest the Board of Directors of the Cass County EDC has approved these minutes as the official minutes of the meeting recorded herein.**

**Kevin Anderson, Chairperson**

**Roseann Marchetti, Secretary**