

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES**

MSUE MEETING ROOM, CASS COUNTY BUILDING

Date May 22, 2019

Time: 8:30 am

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

Also present: Liaison Robert Benjamin, Natalie Dean, Martha Oliver, and Jake Gustafson and Zach Morris from Kinexus

Approval of the Agenda-Eugene moved for approval of the agenda as presented and after a second by Rick, the agenda was approved.

Minutes-Eugene moved to approve the April 24, 2019, minutes as presented, and after a second by Russ, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Financial Report-Junior moved to approve the financial report, and after a second by Jim, the report was unanimously approved. There was a question regarding paying for Barkley Garrett's position. Robert Benjamin said there was no contract so no legal obligation to pay, but he will ask Administrator Carmen to talk with the County's legal counsel. Further discussion ensued.

Review of the 2015 Cass County Economic Development Policy

After lengthy discussion on the Strategic Plan developed in 2015, Eugene moved to form a committee of three to five members to develop a clear mission, vision and values statement, to include three EDC members and two others appointed by the County Chair, and to appoint Jim Finan, Les McClelland, and Mark Van Dusen as the EDC members who will report back at the next EDC meeting. After a second by Junior, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

501 © 6 had its first meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019. Attending were Troy Clay, chair, Kevin Anderson, vice chair and the treasurer, Karen Folks is no longer in the area.

501 © 3 is still in process.

Kinexus Presentation

Jake Gustafson, Chief Operations manager of Kinexus introduced Zach Morris who is the Economic Director of Market Van Buren who explained the process that he and Kinexus used to develop Market Van Buren. Van Buren County is similar in size to Cass and four years ago when Van Buren hired Kinexus and Mr. Morris, Van Buren was at similar point

where Cass is right now. A seven point strategic plan was developed and a 501 © (3) was put into place. Kinexus is very interested in working with Cass in much the same way that they worked with Van Buren. Question and answers followed Zach's presentation as well as a lengthy discussion.

All business having been conducted, Eugene moved to adjourn, seconded by Les, the motion was approved at 9:40 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, Chair

Roseann Marchetti, Secretary