

January 18, 2017, EDC Minutes. Chair Troy Clay called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Members present were: Rick Russwurm, Eileen Toney, Harry Shafer, Junior Oliver, Eugene Wagner, Johann Timpson, Dawn Bolock, Karen Folks, Jim Finan, and Roseann Marchetti. Kevin Anderson was not in attendance. Guests were Martha Oliver and Leonard Kanczuzewski.

Leonard Kanczuzewski thanked the Board for the good attendance and participation.

After approval of the minutes and treasurer's report of a balance of \$33,463.54, Chair Clay called for Barkley Garrett's report.

Barkley reported that the Midwest Energy building is being considered for professional office space and the National Copper factory is being considered for an operation that could hire 250 to 300 for a two shift operation. He further reported on interest in the County in light of the new marijuana laws. Discussion followed and it was suggested that further discussion could be held at next month's meeting.

Karen Folks spoke regarding the 501 © or © 6 designation. The task force has been following up on the Board's direction. Questions have been sent to the attorney asking for some information. What is the proper viewpoint under the law? The task force will give its recommendation to the EDC Board in February.

Chair Clay wants to get out and talk to key businesses in the county and wants to have a round table in the spring. Jim Finan volunteered to take part in the round table. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 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.

Troy Clay, Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

Roseann Marchetti, Secretary\_\_\_\_\_