

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES
KINCHELOE ROOM, CASS COUNTY BUILDING**

Date April 18, 2018

Time: 8:00 am

Board Members present: Troy Clay __, Kevin Anderson __, Roseann Marchetti X, Rick Russwurm X, Eugene Wagner __, Junior Oliver __, James Finan X, Les McClelland X, Eileen Toney X, Dawn Bolock X, Harry Shaffer X and Karen Folks X.

Also present: Leonard Kanczuzewski, Mark VanDusen and Allen Jeffries.

Secretary Roseann Marchetti called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked former Chair Harry Shaffer to chair the meeting in the absence of the chair and vice chair.

Eileen Toney moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Rick Wusswurm and motion carried.

Visitors introduced themselves. It was agreed that the introduction of visitors should be added to the agenda.

There was no public comment.

Eileen Toney moved to approve the March, 2018 minutes as presented, seconded by James Finan and motion carried.

The financial report was approved.

Operations Report: Barkley Garrett reported that he has been busy with the upcoming Imagine Cass...Embrace the Vision visioning session. He passed out a grant timeline for contacting the Kellogg Foundation and discussion followed.

Old Business

Strategic Plan: 501 ©6 and 501 © 3 are moving forward.

Imagine Cass...Embrace the Vision: Karen Folks gave an update and stressed the importance of making calls and seeking sponsors. By the April 13, 2018, 89 invitees had responded yes. Contact sheets were passed out and Board members agreed to use sheets to make personal contact. There is a shortfall of four to five thousand dollars and finding other funding is critical.

New Business

By-laws Update: After a review of the current by-laws it was decided to completely redo them and the by-laws committee is looking at the EDC by-laws from Ottawa County EDC.

Business Round Table: The round table will kick off the 501 © 6 and © 3. Late May or early June is being targeted for the event. A key note speaker is being sought for the event. Discussion followed.

Discussion-Car Show: Niles City Council declined to host a Car Show and Cruise In. Discussion followed regarding any interest in hosting it in the community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 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, Chair_____

Roseann Marchetti, Secretary_____