

Cass County, Michigan

Economic Development Corporation

January 20, 2016

Members present: Harry Shaffer, Eileen Tony, Dawn Bolock, Rick Russwurm, Junior Oliver, Troy Clay, Eugene Wagner, Johanna Timpson, Kevin Anderson

Members absent: Dan Herman

Others present: Martha Oliver, Leonard Kanczuzewski, Shelly Klug, Jill Bland, and Ted Yoakum

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM by Chairman Troy Clay followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

The agenda was approved after the addition of a funding question by Harry Shaffer and information about Maker Spaces by Johanna Timpson. Motion made by Harry supported by Rick, all in favor.

There was no Public Comment.

The Minutes of the 12/16/15 meeting were approved by a motion from Eileen supported by Junior, all in favor.

The Treasurers report was given by Rick and approved by a motion from Eileen supported by Kevin, all in favor.

Jill Bland , Executive Vice President of Southwest Michigan First gave copies of the results of our Strategic Plan and went through a review by session and the resulting timeline for us to follow as we begin 2016.

The plan also requires that we get a commitment for funding for the next 5 years. We begin that with a Board of Commissioners Workshop on February 26, 2016 and will ask Dereck from Michigan First to give an evaluation on Public Act 88 on that date if he is available to do so.

Troy has reviewed the Bylaws and will consult the County Attorney about making changes to the quorum required for our larger Board.

The Vintage Courthouse update will be removed from our agenda after discussion and a vote.

The Collaborative Agreement between the Cass County Economic Development Corporation and southwest Michigan Economic Growth Alliance Contract for Services is being reviewed and will be emailed out by Troy as it is shored up.

Harry requested funding help for the Cass High School Robotics club. After discussion a few of the members will pass the information on to others but it is not something the EDC would do.

Johanna let us know that Al Holloway from Maker Spaces would come and speak to us if desired at a future meeting.

Troy adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dawn Bolock, Secretary