

## **RCEDC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 30, 2020**

**Members Present:** Brenda Bachelder, Emily Barber, Neil Belanger, Ed Bergeron, Michael Briggs, Al Cambridge, Theresa Ekdorn, Kathleen Fox, Katherine Methner, Marc Milburn, Robert Schneider

**Others Present:** Jim Raschke, Mid-Michigan Community Health

**Absent:** Phil Bendily, Pam Kincaid, Margie Lathrop

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ed Bergeron

### **Agenda Changes:**

Added Jim Rashcke letter of interest to the agenda

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve February 27, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Emily Barber, supported by Kathleen Fox. All approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Brenda Bachelder presented the treasurer's report.

### **Executive Directors Report:**

Brenda Bachelder reviewed Executive Director's Report. Discussion about broadband and micro loan program was discussed.

### **Old Business:**

- A. 2020 EDC Meeting Schedule was discussed. May meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on May 21, 2020. June meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Remaining meeting dates for 2020 will remain the same. Motion made by Bob Schneider, supported by Emily Barber. All approved.

### **New Business:**

- A. Election of officers- Group discussion and nominations occurred for one year terms for executive committee members. Katherine Methner was nominated for treasurer by Emily Barber and supported by Bob Schneider. All approved. Pam Kincaid was nominated for secretary by Emily Barber and supported by Katherine Methner. All approved. Theresa Ekdorn was nominated for Vice President by Bob Schneider and

supported by Katherine Methner. All approved. Emily Barber was nominated for President by Ed Bergeron and supported by Bob Schneider. All approved.

- B. EDC By-laws were discussed and the board decided to table the by-laws for a future discussion.
- C. Letter of interest to join the RCEDC for Jim Raschke was discussed by the board. Motion was made by Emily Barber and supported by Kathleen Fox to recommend Jim Raschke to the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners to become a member of the RCEDC. All supported.
- D. Microloan Program was discussed in more detail and ideas were circulated. Committee members will convene to discuss terms of the program, amount of funding available, timeline, paperwork and process.

**Board Member Reports:**

- A. Theresa Ekdorn reported on Catch Us If You Can fishing tournament has been postponed.
- B. Kathleen Fox spoke about the Rural Medical Services Grant for paramedic training.
- C. Ed Bergeron gave an update regarding the EMCOG 5 year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- D. Mike Briggs commented on broadband, the number of businesses that will not be able to reopen and the funding survey.
- E. Jim Raschke reported on the services that are available through Mid-Michigan Health Park. They are considered at Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and are able to offer services to uninsured at a sliding scale based on the ability to pay.
- F. Bob Schneider reported that the airport received 30,000 in funding due to the Coronavirus and discussed the rehabilitation runaway project.

**Commissioner Reports:**

- A. Bob Schneider reports that on 3/11/2020 there will be a commissioner work session on Gypsy moths at 9am in the county bldg. talking about combining services w/MSU Ext. and a millage.

The commissioners approved the Sawmill Bus

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 by Ed Bergeron.