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**Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**8 a.m. February 25, 2021**

**Members Attended:** Edward Bergeron, Katherine Methner, Bob Schneider, Marc Milburn, Mike Briggs, Pam Kincaid, Jim Raschke

**Staff:** Brenda Bachelder

**Guests:** Wendy Engle, Vijay Kumar

**Members Absent:** Emily Barber, Neil Belanger, Al Cambridge, Theresa Ekdorn

- I. Call to Order (ACT) – Katherine called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance (ACT) –
- III. Agenda Changes (DIS) – None
- IV. Introduction of Guests (INF) – Katherine/All- Katherine recognized Wendy Engle and Vijay Kumar.
- V. Approval of January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes (ACT) – Ed Bergeron commented that the meeting minutes should be changed (X. B) to reflect East Michigan Council of Governments, not East MI governor’s conference. Ed Bergeron made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended. Supported by Mike Briggs, all approved.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report (INF) – Reviewed reports and accepted as presented.
- VII. Executive Director’s Report (INF) – Brenda reviewed.
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Community Development/Broadband Update (INF) – Brenda gave update broadband expansion in Roscommon County. Next meeting will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.
  - B. Committee vs Corporation Update (INF) – Brenda gave update on current members of this committee and asked for additional volunteers. A meeting will be scheduled in the next 30 days. Other EDO’s should be researched in the region and invited to the meeting.
  - C. EDC Goals/Strategic Planning (INF & DIS) – Brenda gave update on MSUE Lead Net Program. Waiting to schedule meeting with Lindsey Gardner to learn more. Brenda will also reach out to Bonnie Zoia for pricing and assistance. Each board member was asked to bring at least one goal to the EDC meeting in March. Goals should complement EMCOG’s Community Economic Development Strategy.
  - D. EDC Board Member Update (INF & DIS) – Brenda gave an update board member interest and status. The EDC Board accepted Vijay Kumar letter of interest to join the EDC. Motion was made by Mike Briggs, supported by Ed Bergeron. All approved.
- IX. New Business
  - A. New Board Member Recruitment & Recommendation Process (INF & DIS) – Group discussed process for recommending candidates to the EDC and BOC. The executive board will serve as the nominating committee and will meet with any interested candidates.



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- B. Oasis of Hope Transitional Housing Presentation (DIS) – Brenda asked for a volunteer to attend the upcoming meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Mike Briggs will attend and report back to the EDC.
  
- X. Covid-19 Health Update (INF) – Jim reviewed the COVID numbers in the county and the vaccinations that are available. Ed/Marc made a recommendation to do a joint news release with the county encouraging all to get their vaccinations to allow our county to get back to normal. Seconded by Wendy. Motion carried.
  
- XI. Roscommon County Business Update (INF) – Katherine/All. Family Video closed and has been added to our available commercial properties on our website. Meijer has broken ground in West Branch at mile marker 215-they are scheduled to open May 2022. PPP loans are now available to sole proprietors. There is plenty of money left.
  
- XII. Board Member Comments (INF) – Brenda made note of the 2020 Year in Review document that was sent out. Vijay Kumar asked for a contact list for the EDC.
  
- XIII. Guest Comments (INF) – None
  
- XIV. Agenda items for the next meeting (DIS) – Katherine and Marc suggested that we add strategic planning to our next agenda.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04am