



Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Location: COOR Central Office 11051 N Cut Rd, Roscommon

8 a.m. April 28, 2022

Members present: Neil Belanger, Theresa Ekdorn, Katherine Methner, Marc Milburn, Shawn Petrie, Robert (Bob) Schneider, Vijay Kumar, Rich Castle Brenda Bachelder

Members Absent: Al Cambridge, Wendy Engle

Via Zoom: Ed Bergeron, Michael Briggs, Jim Raschke, Pamela Kincaid

Katherine called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance said

No agenda changes

No guests to introduce

Motion by Vijay to approve February minutes (no March meeting), second by Rich Castle Motion carried

Brenda presented financial information. Comments by Bob Schnieder. Question on when the second portion of the ARPA monies come in – Brenda to check with Jodi Valentine.

Brenda presented the Executive Director’s Report – attached in packet

Old Business

- A. American Rescue Plan Programs
 - 1. Grant program – application went out April 18. Applications due May 31, 2022. We do not have the full amount to grant out yet, waiting for the second portion of the ARPA monies to come in.
 - 2. Have been meeting with townships, DDAs etc. with the First Impressions and Streetscape projects. First Impressions going well. Streetscape – communities are receptive.
 - 3. Dreams for Sale – Looking to start committee work in May.
- B. May 26th Meeting Location – Marc will make arrangements for the meeting to be held at the airport.
- C. EDC Legal Status – After much research, have come to the decision that we need to reestablish the Corporation status. Our status is so outdated, cannot be found in Lansing.
- D. Open Meetings Act – Letters have not been written yet. Katherine will do this.

New Business

- A. Attendance, Bylaws – Katherine/All Discussed meeting attendance, what Rules of Order say, Open Meetings Act. **Motion to define our attendance policy in our bylaws by Marc, second by Shawn. Motion carried.**



- B. Mike Briggs EDC Board Term Renewal –**Motion to approve Mike Briggs’ application by Vijay, second by Rich. Motion Carries.** Will go to the Board of Commissioners for their approval.
- C. Marketing & Travel Budget 2022 –Wendy and Katherine going to the Small Town conference so those expenses will come out of that budget. Payment of the ad in the Houghton Lake Resorter will come out of this fund.

Board Member Comments –Shawn has emailed Cheryl from Resorter to invite her to meetings. Rich – attended Rosc Township Assoc meeting. Discussion on solar. Also discussion on the marijuana grows businesses looking to locate in the county. Best to have an understanding on what their electric capacity is and if existing capacity will be sufficient. Rich attended NEMCOG meeting with discussion on broadband, childcare etc. Consumers sponsoring Roscommon Co food pantry giveaway soon and Trestle Park concerts. Bob S. – has brownfield authority identified any projects yet? Discussion. Marc – if we have people who have received our services invite them to come in and give 5 minute talk on it.

Guest Comments – Bob S retiring from Roscommon County Board of Commissioners.

Agenda items for the next meeting – may want to discuss attendance by zoom. Give Erik from the airport time to talk

Motion to adjourn By Bob, second by Shawn. Adjourned 9:15 am

Next meeting- May 26, 2022 will be at the Blodgett Memorial Airport