



**Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes**

Location: Michigan Works  
1015 Short Drive, Suite 2 Prudenville, Michigan  
8 a.m. May 26, 2022

Members Present: Neil Belanger, Al Cambridge, Marc Milburn, Pamela Kincaid, Katherine Methner, Brenda Bachelder, Theresa Ekdom, Ed Bergeron, Michael Briggs, Rich Castle, Wendy Engle

Absent: Vijay Kumar, Shawn Petrie, Robert (Bob) Schneider, Jim Raschke

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

Pledge of Allegiance said by all

Agenda Changes- Wagner Peyser Act

Introduction of Guests - none

**Motion to approve April 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes made by Pam. Mike seconded. Motion carried**

Financial Reports given by Brenda. No updated report from Jodi. Jodi's working on a different report style for us. Discussion on forms.

Executive Director's Report – Brenda See Attached.

Old Business

- A. American Rescue Plan Programs
  - Dreams for Sale** – Theresa Looking at Sept. date to hold the event. Reaching out to Ruth, a realtor, for identification of properties
  - Streetscapes** – Neil/Ed – Neil drafting RFP to send out to consultants.
  - FIT Assessment** – Brenda – working with all the chambers on this. Chambers need to fill out application and suggest key members. Brenda will compile this information and send to MSU.
  - Small Business & Tourism Grant** – Katherine/Brenda We are receiving grant applications. Deadline May 31. 2 days set up to review the applications.
- B. EDC Structure Steering Committee – Brenda sent an email to the EDC board **looking for volunteers to set a committee**. Per strategic planning last fall, this was a priority process. **Rich and Ed volunteered**

New Business

- A. Eastern Michigan Food Bank – Rich – EMFB a United Way project. Looking for a distribution center on I75 or US127. Maple Valley Truss a possibility. Potentially an opportunity that Rich will continue to peruse. Main facility in Flint. Looking to get closer to Northern Mich. facilities.



- B. Small Town Rural Development Conference (INF) (DIS) – Katherine, Wendy & Rich attended the conference last week. It is a great conference for small towns. Discussion on new Office of Rural Development (Michigan)
- C. Wagner-Peyser act – new proposed Wagner-Peyser Act staffing which would have a devastating impact on structure and delivery of workforce services. Comments are welcome. It would affect a large variety of programs including Mich. Works.  
**Marc made Motion the board draft a resolution to take to the Rosc County board of commissioners. Second by Mike. Motion carried.**

Board Member Comments –Ed – looking for a brainstorming list of 5 things to have in Roscommon County that the EDC could work on over the years.

Guest Comments - none

Agenda items for the next meeting send to Brenda

Meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

**Next meeting- June 23, 2022 COOR. No meeting in July.**