



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room #1, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Chair John Wyssling called the meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorson, Gina	X			
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schneller, Tom		X		X
Schonberg, Bob		X		X
Wyssling, John	X			
Quorum	7	2	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Director Michael J. D. Brown.

3. Approval of the February 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Ramme to accept the meeting minutes of February 4, 2015. **Second** by Lemke. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Thorson. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit).

None.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items Not on the Agenda (three-minute limit).

None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. Economic Development Update – Comprehensive Plan Strategy 3.1(a) & 6.2: Director Brown introduced economic development initiative, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update, which will require funding through the City budget.

Motion by Korpela to support the Zoning Ordinance Update. **Second** by Ruppe. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

- b. Branding Project: Director Brown introduced economic development initiative, Branding the City, which will require funding through the City budget.

Motion by Thorson to support the Branding Project. **Second** by Ruppe. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

- c. Revolving Loan Fund: Director Brown updated the Corporation on the status of the loans.

Motion by Ruppe to continue current collection activities until the State directs the City to engage in more aggressive collection activities. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

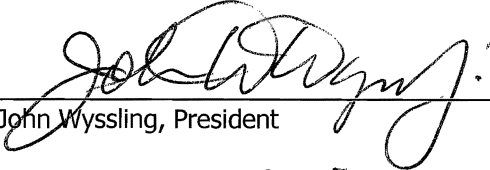
8. Project Updates:

- a. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status: Director Brown updated the Corporation on current projects, such as the Façade Improvement Program and Entrepreneurial Center for Innovation and Design Speaker Series and Surplus Property Policy.
- b. Business Retention Program: Director Brown asked the Corporation about their progress. There was no new business visits at that time.
- c. RLF Status (attached)

9. Other Business: None.

10. Next Meeting: April 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ruppe to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson
Community Development Assistant