



## Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday September 4, 2013

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A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room #1, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Director Brown called the meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cayer, Joseph F.	X			
Lemke, Joseph	X			
Kobylinski, Devon	X			
Peterson, Jim	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X	Arrived at 10:15 a		
Schneller, Tom		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Wyssling, John		X	X	

3. Approval of the July 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion** by Cayer to accept the meeting minutes of July 2, 2013. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by Peterson to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 5 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. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Regionalization Update: Director Brown explained that the Regionalization agreement will be going before the City Commission for approval on September 9, 2013. At that time, all

new loans will be run through Northern Initiatives. Cayer asked how the new process will work and Director Brown stated that all new loans will be run through Northern Initiatives. Northern Initiatives will do all the background work, credit checks, etc. All of the money that is currently in our account will be for the City of Ironwood's use only. Once that money is used, future loan monies will come out of the regional fund.

b. Old World Meats: Director Brown said the equipment of Old World Meats has been seized. Director Brown will be bringing the matter up to the City of Ironwood Commissioners on September 9, 2013 for their approval to put the equipment up for sale.

c. Entrée & Companion: Director Brown stated that a second sale was held. This will now be brought to the City of Ironwood Commissioners for approval for a third sale to sell off the remaining items.

d. Mentoring Program Update: (Note, Mr. Ruppe arrived at 10:15 a.m.) Since the last meeting, Director Brown met with Bob Jacquart and Tim Erickson of the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce and discussed regionalizing this program with other cities in our vicinity; specifically Wakefield and Bessemer, through the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce. Peterson would like to see Hurley, WI included in this program for mentors.

**Motion** by Peterson to approve the mentoring program to be run through the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce. Director Brown to report back to the Committee as warranted. **Second** by Cayer.

**Motion Carried 6 – 0.**

e. Comprehensive Plan: Director Brown stated that four firms were interviewed on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 for compilation of the new comprehensive plan and that the reviewing committee's recommendation will be presented to the Planning Commission this evening at their monthly meeting. Director Brown indicated that HGki is the one the committee preferred. If approved by the Planning Commission, their recommendation will be brought before the City of Ironwood Commissions on September 9, 2013 for approval to move forward with the contract. Director Brown said that the EDC will play a role in this plan.

8. Other Business:

None.

9. Next Meeting: October 4, 2013

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Peterson to adjourn. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 6 to 0** at 10:19 a.m.

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John Wyssling, President

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Kim M. Coon  
Community Development Assistant