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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in the Memorial Building Women’s Club Room.

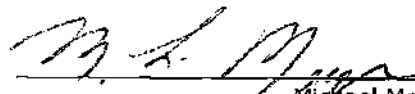
1. Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Lehto, Steve	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Corcoran, Kim		X	X	
Vacant				
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	X			
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	5	3	Quorum	

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the March 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Ackerman-Behr to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion Carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
Motion by Korpela to approve the amended Agenda. Second by Ackerman-Behr. Motion Carried 5 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Regional Housing Meeting Update: Ackerman-Behr gave an overview of a regional meeting between local and regional government and economic development entities and MSHDA. Bergman discussed the last meeting with Highland Copper. There was concerns discussed with housing and how that will change the housing, short term rental, and tourism economy. Working with Hurley to help the housing issue is a possibility. Creating transportation amenities like park and ride, bussing, and other things should be looked at. The EDC will be looking at how to take advantage of the new mine while keeping in mind the life expectancy of the mine.
 - B. Marketing Booklet for Developers (Home and Commercial Building Rehab) – MEDC Emerging Developer Road Show: Meyer will work with the City to develop the booklet. Bergman brought up an opportunity for downtown building owners to gain access to funding through the MEDC. Ackerman-Behr asked about how ADU's may help the situation.
 - C. Update on Downtown Development Plan and TIF Plan: The public hearing for the City is complete. The project is slated for adoption in May.
 - D. Redevelopment Ready Communities Update: A short punch list of projects are left to become certified.
8. Other Business:
- A. Career Fair Report: Lehto gave an update on the career fair that happened at Gogebic Community College.
9. Next Meeting: May 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. **Second** by Lehto. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant