

Luce County Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
EDC Conference Room
March 7, 2017

Present: Colleen Duflo, Mike Slaght, John Waltman, Dave Kenny, Cliff Fossitt, Joe Villemure and Jonathan Grubb.

Absent: Cliff Fossitt & Michelle Clark

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson Duflo.

Communications from Public: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 23, 2017 were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion made by Downey , seconded by Villemure . All Ayes

Approval of Financial Report/Bills

The regular financial report and bills for January and February were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion by Villemure , seconded by Downey . All Ayes.

Correspondence – None

Updates-The Board will add this to the agenda.

*Northern Initiatives controls the fund of the CDBG, and they gave lenders until June 2017 instead of December 2017 that they had planned to use these funds or lose them. As of now there is a local person that possibly use some of the funds , but the business has to create 1 full time job or a couple part time jobs. The process is quite horrendous.

*Northern Wings is looking to expand and create 3 full time jobs.

*ZD Metal closed their facility at Newberry and they recently had a fire at their Petoskey. They are keeping the Newberry Facility open for a little longer now.

*Pickleman’s Petro has new owners and they are making new improvements.

Old Business

1. Nominating Committee Recommendations-they recommended to leave the Officers the same: Duflo-Chairperson, Downey-Vice Chair, Fossitt-Secretary, and Slaght-Treasurer with Downey abstaining in the Nominating vote. Motion by Waltman to except Nominating Committees recommendation, seconded by Villemure, All Ayes.

New Business

1. **Perspective Company/Incentive Package-Industrial Park**-Tammy is waiting to hear back from people that she contacted about taxes and having the Industrial Park Certified, so hopefully we can put something together soon.
2. **Finance Committee Recommendations**-They accepted a bid for a new Website through LaDolce Video & Design in Marquette. They have done the Luce County Airport's website and we are very pleased with the price and the website. Motion made by Waltman, seconded by Kenny. All Ayes.
3. **Window Clings**-received a quote from National Office Products for window clings, for start up of \$23 and then \$5 each. The idea is to have the Businesses that the EDC has helped financially put one of these window clings in their window to help get our name out there. The board has asked for a different quote.

Directors Report:

- Committee Updates: I am now on the PRT. Economic development and tourism board, the master plan board and the president of the Newberry Area Chamber of Commerce. I am on the UP spring trip to Lansing committee and the familiarity tour for the UP committee to plan visits.
- UPCDC updates: Recently found out more about this group and what they can do for Luce County. I applied for \$5,000 for the robotics team to cover expenses as of 2/22/17 no response yet. They paid my mileage and entry fee for Capital Day. Not worth my time probably will not go next year. They will also pay for additional training for me so I am looking into more.
- Annette and I put in a lot of work to prepare for the audit. New representatives sent and I learned a lot of new information. Crisp Point Lighthouse was given to the EDC not the County in 1997. It is listed on our asset, that is why our land assets are so high on our balance sheet. The movies North building has never added to assets until this year. We need to implement a credit card policy; we do not have a written one. Our current methods are acceptable we just need a written policy.
- UP spring trip to Lansing. I have been asked to join a committee for the spring trip to Lansing. In the past LSCP was the lead and took representative from the entire UP for a meeting with state representatives. LSCP has announced that they will only represent Marquette County this year. Delta County is now the lead on this. Dates TBD
- Certified Industrial park is at a standstill: all parking lots must be paved. This is a valid point for certification however, our current residents do not have paved lots and I do not think that is worth taking on.
- Attended Operation Action UP annual meeting and UP Energy Summit. Governor Snyder spoke at the energy summit and said we need to continue to work together.
- Met with Lance and Sharon Brown her project is back on but modified.

Completed site visits with local business learned a lot about them and offered my services for things like training etc.

Information

December 2016 LMI-was not available
Loan Portfolio updated –Hand Out
RLF Balance – Hand out

Communications from the Public: None

Brownfield Redevelopment Ready Committee update: Tammy is waiting to hear back from the Townships to see who they are going to appoint to the committee.

Adjourned: Motion by Villemure, seconded by Waltman . All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Approved by _____ on _____ 2017
Cliff Fossitt, Secretary/Colleen Duflo, Chairperson