**Luce County Economic Development Corporation**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**EDC Office Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**4:00 p.m.**

**April 10, 2019**

**Present**: AJ Downey, Joe Villemure, Michelle Clark, Colleen Duflo, John Waltman, Brian LeBoeuf and Paul Burton

**Absent**: Cliff Fossitt, Rose Pann

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Duflo

Chairperson Duflo welcomed new Board member Paul Burton.

**Communication from Public**: None

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 12, 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented Motion made by Villemure, seconded by Downey. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**Addition to the Agenda**: Need to add under New Business #5. Resolution Letter to First National Bank with new Executive Committee Signatures. Motion by LeBoeuf, seconded by M. Clark to accept this addition to the Agenda. All Ayes Motion passed.

**Approval of Financial Report/Bills**

The regular financial report and bills for March 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion by Downey seconded by M. Clark. All Ayes motion passed.

**Correspondence –** None

**Old Business-**

1. **EDC project update** – Tammy will be contacting MDOC again to ask more questions.
2. **Snowmobile Trail-**No information at this time, they want Governor Whitmer to announce the designated trails.

**New Business**

1. **Member Updates-** The Scoop sold to Mike & Markeeta Maki and will be opening soon. The Logging Museum is going to run as is for this year. Dennis Kisro is in the process of negotiation with Marc Pickleman on purchasing the Pickleman’s Performance Bldg. AJ Downey brought up that some of our neighbor counties are either being contacted or already have a facility that produces Industrial Hemp, and he just wanted the Board aware of. Cheri Zellar has sold the Motel in the back to Goldthorpe and then after Easter the restaurant will be shutting for renovations. Memorial Day should be the opening day for the new Military Surplus Store.
2. **Board Resignation Letter-** Motion by LeBoeuf, seconded by Downey. To accept Jonathan Grubbs resignation Letter. All Ayes Motion passed.
3. **Committee Recommendations-** Chairperson Duflo has recommendations from the Nominating Committee since we have new board members as follows:

**Nominating Committee: Forestry:**

Brian LeBoeuf Brian LeBoeuf

Paul Burton Tammy Henry

Cliff Fossitt Paul Burton

**Executive Committee: Strategic Plan:**

Colleen Duflo-Chairperson AJ Downey

AJ Downey-Vice Chair Brian LeBoeuf

Cliff Fossitt-Secretary Cliff Fossitt

John Waltman-Treasurer

**Personnel Committee:**

Michelle Clark

Brian LeBoeuf

Rose Pann

**Finance Committee:**

Colleen Duflo

AJ Downey

Cliff Fossitt

Rose Pann

Dave Schummer

Motion made by M.Clark, to accept Nominating Committee Recommendations of Committee seats, seconded by Villemure. All Ayes Motion passed.

1. Credit Card Signatures- Since we now have a new Executive Committee, this gives the bank information of who can sign.
2. Bank Signatures-1st National Bank needs a resolution letter per EDC by-laws on who is on the Executive Committee, and who is allowed to sign checks. Motion by LeBoeuf to approve the resolution letter, seconded by M.Clark. Roll Call:

**Ayes: Absent:**

Villemure Fossitt

Duflo Pann

Downey

M.Clark

Waltman

LeBoeuf

Burton

**Directors Report**

* Attended Regional Planning meeting. Annual grants will be awarded soon. Newberry and Luce County don’t have any submitted. Next year Newberry needs to submit applications. I will keep you posted.
* Attended build UP Quarterly Women’s breakfast in Marquette. It is a quarterly meeting and was beneficial. Business professionals in economic development or real estate are invited.
* In the process of redoing chamber by-laws almost completed.
* Chamber dinner is April 12th. Senator Schmidt will be presenting awards to businesses.
* Attended hospital board meeting: had a great year! Good things coming as well.
* Had board orientation with Paul and Rose one on one to explain who we are and what we do.
* Attended Prison Liaison meeting and met new warden. Seems to have a positive outlook on the future of NCF and wanting to sustain.
* UPEDA meeting was with legislators. Met new UP rep for Governor Whitmer. General Bergman also has a new rep in the UP met him as well. Very informative.
* Wood Products conference call we asked the GLD Partners to widen the scope of the project to include other wood products. Ask for help to promote the EUP and why here over other places.
* Attended Real Estate Reuse and Redevelopment class in Lansing.
* After I complete the 4 classes for EDFP Economic Development Finance Professional I am two classes away from taking the test to be certified. Is that important to the board?

**Information**

January 2019 LMI – Handout

Loan portfolio update – Hand out

RLF Balance – Handout

SBDC-Handout

EUPRP-Handout

**Communication from public –** None

**Adjournment** – Motion made to adjourn at 4:36 p.m. by Waltman Seconded by Villemure. All Ayes motion passed.

Approved by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2019.

Cliff Fossitt, Secretary/Colleen Duflo, Chairperson