**Luce County Economic Development Corporation**

**Board of Directors**

Regular Board Meeting

**Minutes**

EDC Conference Room

June 13, 2017

Present: Mike Slaght, Colleen Duflo, AJ Downey, Joe Villemure, Dave Kenny , and Jonathan Grubb.

Absent: Cliff Fossitt, John Waltman and Michelle Clark

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Duflo.

**Communications from Public:** None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 2, 2017 were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion made by Villemure, seconded by Downey. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**Approval of Financial Report/Bills**

The regular financial report and bills for May were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion by Downey , seconded by Kenny . All Ayes. Motion passed.

**Correspondence –** None

**Old Business**

1. Website update--had a presentation viewing the new site so far still under construction. The Board is satisfied thus far.

**New Business**

1. **EDC Board Member Updates-**
2. Chairperson Duflo noticed that in the Industrial Park #2 that there are old Tires, a couch and we need to keep the lots that we own mowed and to look presentable.
3. Dave mentioned that he was told that a recycling station is coming into Newberry.
4. McMillan Township discussed some updates that they would like to do at the cemetery.
5. **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board**- Need to reappoint the EDC seat, AJ Downey needs

 to step down, Cliff had mentioned that he was interested so when he returns from out of town

 Tammy will contact him.

1. Finance Committee Conversation-Chairperson Duflo explained how the CDBG worked and that

 there is $20,000 that still can be used by June 30th, there is someone in the process right now

 but is a possibility that it will not be done by June 30th and then those funds will go back into the

 State’s general fund.

1. Billboard-Dave Kenny sent an email to the Board with a proposed Billboard. Will be located ¼ mile before M28 & M123, and would be 4x12 in size and would cost $1500-2000 and that would include the framing as well. The Board will have further discussions about color and wording later. Motion by Downey to allocate $2000 to the sign and to have further discussions for color, font, size, etc. Villemure 2nd All Ayes Motion passed.
2. Bylaws-Motion by Downey, to allow the borrower to have the option to go paperless for invoices. Kenny 2nd. All Ayes, motion passed.

**Directors Report:**

* Went to Gaylord with JJ to learn more about the elk park. She wants a moose park or something similar to Gaylord.
* UPEDA board conference call to discuss new Economic Development group started by private industry backed by Governor Snyder membership based. Mission is two-fold: first to intentionally, proactively, and aggressively pursue and deliver new businesses, industries, and jobs to the UP, second to recruit, train, and retain employee talent for the region. No official name as of yet.
* Met General Jack Bergman and toured waste water treatment plant.
* Planning commission meeting and attended citizen planner class.
* EUP Regional planning hired a group to conduct logistics and transportation study to help us utilize what we have. Luce County did not pay any money toward this so we will be last of the 3 counties to be completed. Process just started in Mackinac and Chippewa Counties so we are looking ahead for Luce County.
* Brownfield meeting created a list of Brownfield sites in Luce County by township. I am putting together a spread sheet with the info.
* I became a Notary
* Did site visits most are happy with current sales trends.
* Chamber is moving to downtown. (I will explain why at meeting)

**Information**

April 2017 LMI

Loan Portfolio updated –Hand Out

RLF Balance – Hand out

**Communications from the Public**: None

 **Adjourned:** Motion by Villemure, seconded by Downey . All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Approved by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2017 Cliff Fossitt, Secretary/Colleen Duflo, Chairperson