**Luce County Economic Development Corporation**

**EDC Office Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**4:00 p.m.**

**August 13, 2019**

**Present**: AJ Downey, Cliff Fossitt, Joe Villemure, Colleen Duflo, John Waltman, Michelle Clark, Paul Burton and Rose Pann.

**Absent**: Brian LeBeouf

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

Reminder that the meeting is being recorded

**Communication from Public**: None

**Addition to the Agenda**: Need to add under Information **X.4 Past File Letters.**

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the regular board meeting held on July 9, 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented Motion made by Waltman, seconded by Downey. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**Approval of Financial Report/Bills**

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

**Correspondence –** None

**Old Business-**

1. **EDC project update** – tabled Tammy is going to ask Shannon Manty for some prices.
2. **Snowmobile Trail-**No update.
3. **EGLE/Pike Lake Grant Update-**we had thekickoff meeting on Monday August 5th.

**New Business**

1. **Member Updates-** Chairperson Duflo went to the ZD Metal Building auction as the EDC representative on Saturday August 3rd, the auctioneer started the bid up at $250,000. There were no offers so they opened up the bidding and someone offered $25,000 and they did not accept that offer so they closed the auction and the minimum bid that they would accept would have been $200,000. John Mowrey told Colleen that if the building did not sell, he would be back in touch with the EDC. John Waltman brought up the “Rock Show” that is usually at Muskellunge State Park, will be at Grand Marais this year because of the State Park’s electrical issues and he will be in touch with DNR Park Ranger Jim Dzelak to try and get that to the State Park in order to keep revenue in Luce County. Board members Burton & Downey discussed surveillance cameras at the park entrance and they will get some prices and ideas on where to install them and bring it back to the board, possibly could be a 2020 EDC project idea.
2. **Signs/No bids-**the office did not receive any bids for the sign at the Industrial Park that would match the existing one. Discussion about calling around to get some quotes.

**Directors Report**

* Spoke to Fred Roat he is interested in lot 7. He wants to speak to John about his building first.
* John Mowrey called and is concerned that permitted use will keep him from selling the building. He said it is costing him a great deal to keep the building. Reserve amount will be stated before auction starts. No sale at auction.
* Title Search is completed for Movies North Building. Attending county and township meetings this month.
* Sale to the Road Commission is completed and paperwork filed.
* I have spent a great deal of time with the HNJH board to work on a CEO transition.
* Car show went well
* Ad in the Newberry News for sign bids due before August meeting and will be reviewed.
* Kick off meeting for the EGLE grant held on 8/5 It was officially awarded on 7/18
* EDFP class #2 was brutal, now waiting for test results.
* Site readiness grant still not awarded, no news on when.
* I will be on the Pictured Rocks boat tour with the Governor Tuesday evening.
* State is cutting Regional Planning and UPCDC funds. This is where most of my training reimbursement comes from.

**Information**

June 2019 LMI – Handout

Loan portfolio update – Hand out

RLF Balance – Handout

Past File Letters-Informational-Chairperson Duflo had some informational letters on some questions that the board has had about previous decisions.

**Communication from public –** None

**Adjournment** – Motion made to adjourn at 4:43 p.m. by Burton Seconded by Villemure. All Ayes motion passed.

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

Cliff Fossitt, Secretary/Colleen Duflo, Chairperson