

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES
KINCHELOE ROOM, CASS COUNTY BUILDING**

Date May 23, 2018

Time: 8:30 am

Board Members present: Troy Clay X, Kevin Anderson __, Roseann Marchetti X, Rick Russwurm X, Eugene Wagner__, Junior Oliver__, James Finan__, Les McClelland X, Eileen Toney X, Dawn Bolock X, Harry Shaffer _and Karen Folks X.

Also present: Barkley Garrett and Leonard Kanczuzewski

Eileen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of C. under New Business, Meeting Dates, and on a second by Rick the agenda was approved.

Public Comment: Leonard commented that he heard the Visioning on May 9, 2018 was very good and he was sorry he could not make it.

Dawn moved to approve the April, 2018 minutes as presented, and after a second by Les, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Eileen moved to approve the financial report and on a second by Karen, the report was approved.

Operations Report: Barkley reported 197 attendees at the May 9, 2018 second Visioning Session. A lengthy discussion followed. Barkley further reported that Imagine Cass is on face book. Go to Facebook.com and put in Imagine Cass. MI.

Grants update: The Kellogg Foundation said it concentrates on Grand Rapids, Detroit and Battle Creek. Karen and Barkley will meet with the Foundation to hear suggestions on obtaining other grants. The next Visioning will be July 11, 2018 and a venue is being sought. Barkley also reported that the South Bend/Elkhart Regional Partnership is still looking for members.

Old Business

Strategic plan. 501 ©6 is complete and 501 © 3 applications are at the state and federal levels for approval.

New Business

By-laws Update: A new set of by-laws is being worked on.

Business Round Table:

The date is July 25, at 7:30 am.

Meeting dates

It was suggested since the meeting date has had to be moved a number of times, we change the date to the fourth Wednesday of the month. After discussion, Roseann moved the EDC change the day/date of the monthly meeting to the fourth Wednesday of the month and on a second by Dawn, the motion passed. The new day/date will be posted on the county web site.

Karen asked that the EDC publicly thank the Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors for the Imagine Cass banners which adorn Broadway. All agree and it will be put on the Imagine Cass face book page.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.

We attest the Board of Directors of the Cass County EDC has approved these minutes as the official minutes of the meeting recorded herein.

Troy Clay, Chair

Roseann Marchetti, Secretary