



Economic Development Commission- Cass County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Officers: _____, Chair - _____, Vice Chair -, Secretary _____ - Rick Russwurm, Treasurer, Members-at-Large: -
Kevin Anderson - Lauren Thurston- Edwin Johnson III - David Kring - Jeff Nelson - Hope Anderson – Samuel Barrera - Leslie
McClelland

Cass County Building 120 N. Broadway Kincheloe Room MEETING AGENDA January 25, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

- I. Call to Order** – *Chair Leslie McClelland*
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Introductions**
- V. Public Comments**
- VI. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. October 26, 2022 meeting
- VII. Financial Report** – *Treasurer Rick Russwurm*
- VIII. New Business**
 - a. Election of Officers
 - b. Update on Market Van Buren activities
 - c. Update on Land Bank and Brownfield activities
 - d. Discussion and motion (yes/no) on the consent based for spent nuclear fuels
 - e. Motion to have Leslie McClelland replace Lauren Thurston on the Brownfield Authority
- XI. Adjournment**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MEETING MINUTES**

KINCHELOE ROOM, CASS COUNTY BUILDING

Date October 26, 2022

Time: 8:30 am

Board Members present: Leslie McClelland X, Kevin Anderson __, Lauren Thurston X, Edwin Johnson X, Jeff Nelson X, Jeremiah Jones and Hope Anderson X.

Chair Leslie McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Also present: Jodi Nilson of Market VanBuren and Taras Lyssenko.

Public Comment: Tara Lyssenko shared a presentation he is supporting on consent based siting for spent nuclear fuels. Feedback to be available at the January 25, 2023 meeting.

Jodi Nilson of Market VanBuren introduced herself and shared ideas for moving forward.

Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Financial Report: None.

Business:

1. Hope Anderson gave a summary of the Land Bank Authority and their processes.
2. Kevin Anderson gave a brief summary of how the Brownfield Authority can be leveraged for the good of Cass County. Michigan has been an early adopter of Brownfield, so we are in a good state to see this used. Blight has become part of the criteria for Brownfield. We've talked to and have been working with Envirologic in our efforts to understand and move forward with any possible Brownfield projects. The truth is, if a developer is involved in any Brownfield projects, they will hire their own experts and bring their own project funding.
3. Brownfield test cases: Leslie McLelland wanted the board to get a sense of possible Brownfield opportunities in Cass County. These are the annex, 911 building as well as the old gas station in Edwardsburg.
4. The Board approved a motion to 1. Support the new direction of our EDC, which is to fully support the coordination and partnership with the Cass County Land Bank Authority chaired by Hope Anderson. 2. Kevin Anderson and Lauren Thurston agreed to be the EDC's liaison between the Land Bank Authority and the Brownfield Authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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

Leslie McClelland, Chair