

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2020
PLACE OF MEETING: Electronic meeting via Zoom
TIME: After BRA Regular and Annual Meetings

Final May 28, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – Approved at 4/22/2021 Annual Meeting

Present: Joe Agostinelli, Ken Peregon, Gary Barton, Christopher Carew, Kevin Coleman, Connie Ferguson, Travis Grimwood, Habib Mandwee, Jodi Milks, Meredith Place, Andy Wenzel,

Members Excused: None – All Board of Directors present

Staff: Lotta Jarnefelt, Rachael Grover

Recording Secretary: Rachael Grover

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1. Chair Wenzel called the meeting to Order at 5:44 p.m.
 2. Members Excused: None – All Directors present.
 3. Approval of the Agenda: **Agostinelli motioned and Barton seconded the approval of the Agenda. Motion passed via voice roll call vote with 11 Yes.**
 4. Approval of Minutes: **Ferguson motioned and Carew seconded the approval of the EDC Annual meeting minutes of April 25, 2019. Motion passed via voice roll call vote with 11 Yes.**
 5. Public Comments: None
 6. **Election of Officers – to serve through April 22, 2021**
 - a. **Slate**
 - i. Chair – Andy Wenzel
 - ii. Vice Chair – Ken Peregon
 - iii. Secretary – Christopher Carew
 - iv. Treasurer – Gary Barton
 - b. **Other nominations**

Chair Wenzel asked for any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made.
 - c. **Close nominations**

Agostinelli motioned to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the Slate of Officers as nominated. Motion supported by Place. Motion passed via voice roll call vote with 11 Yes.
 7. **Discussion and/or Action Calendar**
 - a. **Discussion/Action:** Covid-19 Economic Impacts
Chair Wenzel discussed that the EDC could assist potential projects for economic recovery with tools including applying for grants or federal and state funding. Additionally, the EDC has the ability to bond. No action taken.
 - b. **Discussion/Action:** Meeting Calendar for 2021
Annual and Business Meeting Thursday, April 22, 2021, immediately following KCBRA meeting that will be scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Additional meetings to be scheduled as needed.
Agostinelli motioned to approve 2021 Calendar for EDC meetings and Peregon supported the motion. Motion passed via voice roll call vote with 11 Yes.
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8. Staff Update

- a. Hark Orchids Update – Grover let Board of Directors know that a report was sent to the County Commission.

9. Other

None

10. Board Member Comments

Chair Wenzel discussed the EDC's partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which allows the Kalamazoo County EDC to send representation to partner's meetings, learn about statewide initiative, and to provide input at the State level.

11. Adjournment at 5:55

