

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

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2018
PLACE OF MEETING: County Administration Building
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, 207a
TIME: After BRA Regular and Annual Meetings

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Present: Joe Agostinelli, Connie Ferguson, Travis Grimwood, Julie Rogers, Andy Wenzel, Douglas Milburn, Chris Carew, Ken Peregou

Members Excused: Jim Spurr, Habib Mandwee, Jodi Milks

Staff: Lotta Jarnefelt, Rachael Grover

Consultant: Jeff Hawkins

Recording Secretary: Rachael Grover

Community: Commissioner McGraw

1. Chair Wenzel called the meeting to Order at 5:27 p.m.
2. Members Excused: Spurr, Mandwee, and Milks
3. Approval of the Agenda: **Agostinelli moved and Grimwood seconded the approval of the Agenda. Motion Carried.**
4. Approval of Minutes: **Agostinelli moved and Peregou seconded the approval of both the April 27, 2017 Annual meeting minutes and the EDC Special meeting minutes of February 22, 2018. Motion Carried.**
5. Citizens Comments: None
6. Discussion and/or Action Calendar
 - a. **Election of Officers – Slate**
 - i. Chair – Andy Wenzel
 - ii. Vice Chair – Ken Peregou
 - iii. Secretary – Christopher Carew
 - iv. Treasurer – Christopher Carew

Grimwood nominated the Slate of Officers as presented and Rogers supported the nominations. Chair Wenzel asked for any additional nominations.

Agostinelli motioned to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the Slate of Officers nominated. Motion supported by Rogers. Motion carried.

7. Staff Update
 - a. Hark Orchids Update – Jarnefelt provided an update. Hark Orchids has met job requirements of original loan and the loan has now converted to a grant and does not need to be repaid. They still have some additional requirements for the State of Michigan and will be reporting to the County for a few more years.

Rogers commented favorably about the private/public partnership that came together for the Hark Orchids project and expressed disappointment that the program is no longer available for other projects.

Wenzel added there can still be a use for the EDC to assist with future projects and with keeping informed of State of Michigan Economic Development initiatives or policies. This Board can look for ways to help things happen in our area.

8. Other

Jarnefelt noted Jhamin LLC withdrew the application for the MDEQ Loan.

9. Board Member Comments

10. Adjournment at 5:40

Next Meeting: April 25, 2019 (Room 207a, County Admin. Bldg)
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