

Economic Development Corporation
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 17, 2020

In accordance with public health orders and out of an abundance of caution, this meeting was held remotely. In accordance with Public Act 288 and the City's adopted policy, each member participating announced the location they were at the time of the meeting. The meeting was open to the public and public comment was welcome.

Attending: Beth Reindel, Chris Rittmueller, Michael Southgate, Tamara Tsulaia, Brandon Muller, Abby Curtis, Joe Cramer, Vickie Schmitzer, Todd Jennings, John Benson, Jamie Furbush, and Tim Hildner

Absent: Mike Grossi, Mike Fassezke

Also attending were Joann Crary of Saginaw Future, Mayor Mary Ann Ackerman, Bridget Smith and Sheila Stamiris.

For the convenience of hosting the meeting in the digital format, Sheila Stamiris guided the meeting from her office in City Hall. A roll call was held to determine attendance and the location of each participating member who were located in various locations in Frankenmuth. There was no public input.

The minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting, were approved by roll call vote as amended to reflect that Members Benson and Furbush were absent. Cramer moved; Furbush seconded. The meeting dates for 2021 were approved by roll call as written. Cramer moved; Jennings seconded. The board discussed bi-monthly meetings in place of the monthly schedule. After discussion it was determined that keeping the full calendar in place and dropping a meeting was preferred to approving partial calendar then needing to add a meeting.

Saginaw Future Contract. JoAnn Crary of Saginaw Future (SF) outlined the accomplishments of Saginaw Future over the past year. SF services 17 local communities included Frankenmuth. City Manager Bridget Smith serves on the SF board. SF completed retention calls with 13 Frankenmuth businesses providing resources and assistance as necessary. They provided direct assistance to Star of the West and Woolen Mill for their respective businesses. The EDC endorsed and recommended by roll call vote the renewal of Saginaw Future contract in the amount of \$6125 for 2021. Cramer moved; Schmitzer seconded.

Ascension St. Mary's Project. Sports Facilities Advisory has begun the feasibility study.

Potential Business for Business Park. A Frankenmuth business has inquired about the option to purchase 1 to 1.5 acres for a 10,000 square foot warehouse and technology investment generating between 8-12 jobs. The consensus was to continue to work with the business and refine the details of the opportunity.

Members shared thoughts around the table.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted.

Sheila Stamiris