

Antrim County

Economic Development Corporation

Mission Statement: Retain, expand, and promote County-wide economic growth and stability.

January 18, 2022
Minutes

Members present: Dawn LaVanway, Pete Garwood, Rachel Krino, Kathy Peterson, Veronica Welter,
Sherry Comben, Cherie Hogan

Members Absent: Bonnie Robbins, Matt Haberkorn

Others Present: Jeremy Scott, David Emmel, Jessica Lovey, Sam Bailey

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Jeremy Scott at 9:04 AM.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Annual Organizational Meeting

Election of Officers

Sherry Comben nominated Rachel Krino as President

Motion by Sherry Comben second by Kathleen Peterson to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Rachel Krino for President of the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation.

Motion Passes – Yes:7 | No: 0 | Absent:2

Veronica Welter nominated Kathleen Peterson as Vice President

Motion by Sherry Comben second by Pete Garwood to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Kathleen Peterson for Vice President of the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation.

Motion Passes – Yes:7 | No: 0 | Absent:2

Pete Garwood nominated Sherry Comben as Treasurer

Motion by Veronica Welter second by Pete Garwood to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Sherry Comben for Treasurer of the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation.

Motion Passes – Yes:7 | No: 0 | Absent:2

Sherry Comben Nominated Veronica Welter as Secretary

Motion by Sherry Comben seconded by Pete to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Veronica Welter for Treasurer of the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation.

Motion Passes – Yes:7 | No: 0 | Absent:2

Cherie Hogan introduced herself.

Selection of Meeting Dates/Times

Motion by Kathleen Peterson, seconded by Pete Garwood to keep meetings at 9:00AM on the third Tuesday of each month.

Motion Passes – Yes:7 | No: 0 | Absent:2

4. Approval of Minutes

October 19, 2021

Dawn LaVanway pointed out that Pete should be listed absent at the October 19, 2021 meeting since he was not present at the beginning.

Pete Garwood commented that (Entered at 9:03) should also be included.

Motion by Pete Garwood seconded by Dawn LaVanway to Approve October 19, 2021 Minutes as amended.

Motion Passes – Yes:7 | No: 0 | Absent:2

December 21, 2021

Add Dawn LaVanway as Present at December Meeting and note that Dawn LaVanway, Veronica Welter, and Kathleen Peterson participated Remotely

Remove sentence about Pete being present

Motion by Sherry Comben, seconded by Pete Garwood to approve December 21, 2021 meeting minutes as amended

Motion Passes 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent

5. Bylaws

Bylaws Changes

Principal Office to read Administration Office

Article 5, Section 6b - Remove Section (Teleconferencing option)

Article 6, Section 5 - Remove "*A quorum cannot be constituted through participation by teleconference.*" and "*A member participating by teleconference is allowed to vote if a quorum is physically present in the room.*"

Discussion of the EDC's powers and abilities ensued.

Motion by Kathleen Peterson, seconded by Sherry Comben to approve the bylaws as amended.

Motion Passes 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent

6. Annual Report

Motion by Veronica, seconded by Pete Garwood to approve the 2021 Annual Report and present it to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners

Motion Passes 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Absent

7. Annual Review of Strategic Plan

Discussion the plan ensued. It was the general consensus to make the following changes, but no vote was taken:

Community Support

Remove Covid relief Grant information

Promotion

Maintain Relationships with Office of Rural Development, NLEA and Networks Northwest and all housing organization and opportunities and keep local units informed.

Road Commission Map, change status to 2022

Affordable Housing

A Discussion ensued on how to word this priority with consensus being:

"Educate the community on the need, funding availability, infrastructure availability, and the benefits of affordable housing"

Finances

Should now read to prepare 2023 Budget

Broadband

No Consensus was reached

Master Plan

Review updates and make any recommendations to the Antrim County Planning Commission.

The Strategic Plan was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Various Matters

The Road Commission Map was discussed and the EDC directed to bring and changes to the next meeting.

7. Public/Member Comment

None

Meeting was adjourned at 11:16AM.