

Van Buren County Economic Development Corporation

June 7, 2021 | 1 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

Member	Term Expires	Present/Absent
Randall Peat, Chair	BOC Appointed	Absent
Tom Stanek, Vice Chair	2/13/2027	Present
Rodney Dragicevich, Board Member	2/13/2026	Present
Carrie Troyer, Finance Chair	3/13/2024	Present
Ken Ratzlaff, Board Member	2/13/2024	Absent
Jim Warner, Board Member	2/13/2022	Present
Mike Toth, Board Member	2/13/2022	Present
Jeff Hannan, Board Member	2/13/2024	Present
Zachary Morris, Secretary	2/13/2024	Present
Paul Schincariol, Board of Commissioners Representative	BOC Appointed	Present

Others in attendance:

- John Faul, Palisades Project Director
- Kurt Doroh, Van Buren County Commissioner
- Mike Chappell, Van Buren County Commissioner
- Richard Godfrey, Van Buren County Commissioner
- Devon Kelly, Market Van Buren Intern
- Sarah Snoeyink, Market Van Buren Economic Development Coordinator

Call to Order

Tom Stanek, vice chair of the board, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Sarah Snoeyink proposed a discussion on rescheduling the next meeting be added to the end of the agenda. Rodney Dragicevich moved to approve the agenda as amended. Zach Morris supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 3, 2021 Meeting

Rodney Dragicevich moved to approve the May 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Jeff Warner supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

End of MVB Fiscal Year Review

Zach Morris shared a review of what the Economic Development Corporation and Market Van Buren had achieved from July 2020 to June 2021.

Business Resilience Program Overview

Devon Kelly shared an overview of an upcoming program that Market Van Buren will offer to local businesses. Discussion regarding the particulars of the program followed.

Open Issues

Van Buren County Economic Development Review

Zach Morris provided an overview of forthcoming economic development projects. Discussion followed regarding potential future uses of a vacant building in Covert and other similar facilities.

Review Financial Reports

The May 2021 financial reports were not yet available.

Review County Strategic Fund Balance

Zach Morris and Sarah Snoeyink share that they had trialed a software that would make management of the Revolving Loan Fund easier and would thus also simplify the process for securing funds for the County Strategic Fund. Discussion regarding the development of governing principles for the County Strategic Fund followed.

Palisades Closure Update

John Faul shared an update on his efforts related to the County Strategic Fund, his transition into his new role as Palisades Project Director, and next steps in efforts related to the Palisades closure.

Other Business

Business Recognition Awards

Sarah Snoeyink shared an update on the Market Van Buren Business Recognition Awards.

Rescheduling the Next Meeting

The board agreed to cancel the July 5, 2021 meeting and reconvene as scheduled on August 2, 2021.

Adjournment

Mike Toth moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Schincariol supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is June 7, 2021 at 1 p.m. The meeting location will be determined in July.



Zach Morris, Secretary of the Board

8/2/2021

Date