

Van Buren County Economic Development Corporation

October 4, 2021 | 1 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting AND Board of Commissioners Chambers

Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

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

Others in attendance:

- Sarah Snoeyink, Market Van Buren

** Asterisks indicates individual attended virtually*

Call to Order

Randy Peat, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Paul Schincariol moved to approve the agenda. Rodney Dragicevich supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Tom Stanek moved to approve the September 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Rodney Dragicevich supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Issues

Palisades Closure Update – Zach Morris

Zach Morris Provided an overview of the report John Faul delivered to the Board of Commissioners earlier in the week. Discussion followed regarding funding for retraining programs for Entergy employees.

Van Buren County Economic Development Review

Zach Morris shared an overview of economic development accomplishments and progress. Discussion followed regarding ongoing attraction efforts.

Internet Study Update

Sarah Snoeyink shared that two meetings had been scheduled with Antero to discuss preliminary study findings. Discussion followed regarding the best method for promoting the survey and hiring a project manager to coordinate the development of county-wide high-speed internet.

Review Financial Reports

Sarah Snoeyink reviewed the August 2021 Financial Reports for the Revolving Loan Fund.

Delinquent Business Loans

Zach Morris provided an overview of efforts to address businesses behind on their loan payments. Discussion followed regarding efforts to develop a more robust loan invoicing system.

County Strategic Fund Update

Sarah Snoeyink shared that she had a meeting next week to finalize two quarters of reimbursement from the MEDC.

Adjournment

Jim Warner moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Stanek supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2021 at 1 p.m.



Zach Morris, Secretary of the Board

12/7/2021

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