

Van Buren County Economic Development Corporation

December 6, 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	A
Daywi Cook, Board Member	2/13/2024	P*
Jeff Hannan, Board Member	2/13/2024	P*
Jim Warner, Board Member	2/13/2022	A
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:

- Don Hanson*, Commissioner for District #6
- Kurt Doroh, Commissioner for District #2
- Richard Godfrey*, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners
- Sarah Snoeyink, Programs & Projects Manager at Market Van Buren

** Asterisks indicates individual attended virtually*

Call to Order

Randy Peat, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

Hannan moved to approve the October 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Toth supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Issues

Palisades Closure Update

Sarah Snoeyink shared that a \$55,000 grant had been secured from Palisades.

Van Buren County Economic Development Review

Sarah Snoeyink shared that the application for the Welch's expansion project was being finalized and a forthcoming press release announcing the project is anticipated.

Broadband Study Update

Sarah Snoeyink shared an update on going survey updates and the upcoming meeting of Van Buren municipalities regarding ongoing internet efforts and forthcoming funding. Discussion followed regarding future funding sources and the prioritization of spending categories.

Review Financial Reports

Sarah Snoeyink shared that one business that received a COVID-19 job retention loan was slated to pay their loan off before the end of the year and provided an update on the County's ongoing development of a loan invoicing system. Discussion followed regarding late fees for loan payments.

County Strategic Fund Update

Sarah Snoeyink shared that the full request for admin was nearly submission to the MEDC pending signatures on a small handful of documents.

Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar

Paul Schincariol moved to approve the proposed calendar of 2022 meetings for the EDC. Mike Toth supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed regarding the change to all in-person meetings and the forthcoming election of board officers.

Adjournment

Tom Stanek moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Toth supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on January 3, 2021 at 1 p.m.



Zach Morris, Secretary of the Board

1/3/22

Date