

Van Buren County Economic Development Corporation

June 6, 2022 | 1 p.m.

Location: Board of Commissioners Chambers

Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

Member	Term Expires	Present/Absent
Tom Stanek, Chair	2/13/2027	P
Rodney Dragicevich, Vice Chair	2/13/2026	P
Carrie Troyer, Treasurer	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
Randall Peat, Board of Commissioners Representative	BOC Appointed	P
Paul Schincariol, Board of Commissioners Representative	BOC Appointed	A
Robert Smith, Board Member	2/13/2028	P
Mike Toth, Board Member	2/13/2028	A

Others in attendance:

- Sarah Snoeyink, Programs and Projects Manager at Market Van Buren
- Julia Wall, Economic Development Coordinator at Market Van Buren
- Kurt Doroh, Van Buren County Commissioner

Call to Order

Tom Stanek, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Rodney Dragicevich moved to approve the agenda. Randy Peat supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Dragicevich moved to approve the May 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Daywi Cook supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Issues

Palisades Update

Sarah Snoeyink announced that the Palisades plant officially closed at the end of May. She further explained the PCAP post-Palisades recovery steps, which includes researching funds and grants and looking to hire an individual qualified to work alongside the decommissioning process and Market Van Buren. The EDC Board voiced their support for these initiatives.

Broadband Update

Ms. Snoeyink gave an update on broadband mapping in Van Buren County. The mapping process is ninety nine percent complete. DCS Technologies will have the report completed by the beginning of July. Sarah also shared that Van Buren County is ahead of the majority of counties in Michigan when it comes to broadband internet surveys.

Review Financial Reports

Ms. Snoeyink gave an update that the majority of businesses are back on schedule for paying off their loans.

Update on Delinquent Loans and Next Steps

Zach Morris provided an update on New Age Laboratories and RNS Packaging. He said that the County attorney sent out a letter to the New Age Laboratories delinquent loan owner.

County Strategic Fund Update

Ms. Snoeyink gave an update that we now have just over \$80,000 in the County Strategic Fund. Mr. Morris provided an exciting update regarding a business called Wine Chips that will be moving its production to Van Buren County by August with twenty-five new jobs.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Mr. Dragicevich supported the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022 at 1 p.m.



Zach Morris, Secretary of the Board

7-14-2022

Date