

REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES

DATE: July 7, 2009

PLACE: Building #119 - Conference Room
Kincheloe, MI 49788

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Kay, Chair
Patricia Benoit
Richard Brawley
Paul Coutant
Aaron Hopper
Larry Palma
James Quinnell
Richard Timmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Dasho

EDC STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Noel
Paula Adams
Tami Beseau

OTHER PERSONS: Don McLean, County Commissioner
Jesse Knoll, County Commissioner
Duane Swanson

I. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order, by Chairman Kay, at 4:15 P.M., with a quorum in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES - MOTION by Director Coutant, supported by Director Quinnell, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2009, as presented. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments offered

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. Executive Committee - Chairman Kay reported on committee meetings throughout the month of June:

1. June 5, 2009 the committee met to discuss personnel issues, no action taken.

2. June 29, 2009 the committee met with Senator Levin; Amy Berglund, the Senator's regional representative; Ann Jousma-Miller, Governor Granholm's U.P. representative; Steve Hicks, FRR CEO; Allan Belcher, Mascoma; Kevin Korpi and Melanie Underhill of Michigan Forest Products Council; and on June 30, 2009, with Senator Stabenow; Sheri Davie, the Senator's regional representative; Steve Hicks; Allan Belcher; Kevin Korpi and Melanie Underhill. Through the informal sessions the EDC was able to present a number of local issues, and discuss infrastructure, financing and other challenges facing the development of the Frontier Renewable Resources ethanol plant.

3. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Quinnell, approving the Executive Committee report. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd) -

B. Finance Committee - Committee Chair Benoit advised that the group had met on June 16, 2009:

1. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Brawley, approving May Financial Statements and payable vouchers #285 - #347, totaling \$113,072.37. Motion carried.

2. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Coutant, that a restricted OPEB, post employment benefit fund, account be established, and that the initial annual deposit total \$29,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

3. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Coutant, approving the report of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

C. Airport Committee - Committee Chair Brawley reported on matters discussed by the group in regular session on June 17th, and in a workshop session, on June 24th. MOTION by Director Brawley, supported by Director Timmer, approving the Airport Committee report. Motion carried.

D. Joint Advisory Committee - no meeting

E. Brownfield Committee - Committee Chair Benoit reported on matters discussed by the group during their meeting of June 3rd:

1. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Hopper, that a letter be sent to Federal legislators requesting a renewal/ extension of the US Army Corps of Engineers contract with Montgomery Watson Harza for environmental investigations at former base properties. Motion carried.

2. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Coutant, approving the report of the Brownfield Committee. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd) -

F. Staff Activity - Noel briefed on items contained within her monthly report.

1. MOTION by Director Coutant, supported by Director Quinnell, approving EDC Resolution 2009 - #03 "In Opposition of the Closure of Hiawatha Correctional Facility". On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously by the members present.

2. MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Timmer, approving the staff report. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS - Director Quinnell advised the group that Mackinac Bridge Authority is conducting a public hearing on Thursday, July 9th, at 11:45 A.M., at the Little Bear East Conference Center, concerning their plan to eliminate commuter and quick cards in favor of one of the two following proposals, commencing January 1, 2010: 1) Full fare, which reach \$3.50 in 2010, one-way and discounted return fare of \$0.10 if the return is within a 24 hour period; or 2) Full fare, of \$3.50, one-way and a discounted return fare of \$0.10 if the return is within a 24 hour period, a minimum of 12 crossings must be accomplished within a calendar year. MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Coutant, that Noel attend the public hearing and hand delivery a letter in opposition of the two discount proposals. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Timmer, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business before the group, Chairman Kay declared the meeting adjourned at 5:08 P. M.

Earl Kay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved

Richard F. Brawley, Corporate Secretary