

**REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES**

DATE: March 6, 2012

PLACE: Conference Room  
Building #119  
Kincheloe, MI 49788

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Kay, Chair  
Patricia Benoit  
Aaron Hopper  
Larry Palma  
Jim Quinnell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Brawley  
Dan Dasho  
Leisa Mansfield  
Dick Timmer

EDC STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Noel  
Paula Adams  
Tami Beseau  
Tim Gregory

OTHER PERSONS: Joan Hopper  
Don McLean, County Commissioner

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES - MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Benoit, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2012, as presented. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Commissioner McLean requested Noel to address the U.P. Link proposal as a part of the staff report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. Executive Committee - Chairman Kay reported that the committee had met on March 2, 2012, and briefed on matters discussed:

1. MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Benoit, authorizing payment of \$70,000.00, from the building fund, to the Bankruptcy Court, for return of building #427 which was seized as a part of Lyle Kelley's bankruptcy. Motion carried unanimously.

2. MOTION by Director Hopper, supported by Director Palma, approving the report of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

B. Finance Committee - Committee Chair Benoit reported that the committee had met on February 21, 2012:

1) Director Benoit advised that the committee met with Phil Wolfe of Anderson Tackman concerning the 2011 audit. Indicating the overall picture is very good, and that the audit will be presented to the Board of Directors at our annual meeting, in April.

2) MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Quinnell, approving January vouchers, #001 - #084, and payroll totaling \$177,882.81. Motion carried unanimously.

3) MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Hopper, approving January financial statements. Motion carried unanimously.

4) MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Quinnell, approving 2012 wage increases, retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>: \$0.25 per hour for winter overhires; \$0.50 for a new employee recently completing his probation; 2.5% for full time employees, excepting a 3% increase for Kathy Noel. Motion carried unanimously.

5) MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Quinnell, approving the report of the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont'd)

C. Airport Committee - Committee Member Quinnell reported on matters discussed in regular session on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and in a workshop with the airlines on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

1) MOTION by Director Hopper, supported by Director Quinnell, approving EDC Resolution 2012 - #01 entitled Support of Michigan House Bill No: 4025. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2) MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Hopper, approving the Airport Committee report. Motion carried.

D. Joint Advisory Committee - no meeting

E. Brownfield Committee - no meeting

F. Staff Activity - Noel reported on items contained within the monthly report. Additionally, she reported: that CIU has been selected as the second stop for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Air Race Classic, all women aviator's event, and that Tami Beseau will serve as CIU Stop Chair for the event; and that MIOSHA conducted inspection and interviews on Monday and Tuesday, an exit interview is scheduled for Thursday and we are efforting a clean report. As requested, Noel also provided an overview of the Western U.P. Planning & Development Region's U.P. Link project for high-definition video conferencing system. MOTION by Director Quinnell, supported by Director Hopper, approving the Staff Report. Motion carried.

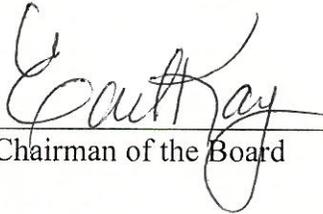
V. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Chairman Kay appointed a Nominating Committee: Director Benoit, Committee Chair; Director Quinnell; and Director Palma, and directed the committee to report back at the EDC Annual Meeting, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

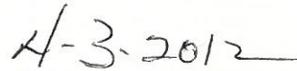
B. Chairman Kay presented a Resolution of Appreciation for Director Hopper's years of service to the EDC (copy attached).

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

VII. ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Director Benoit, supported by Director Hopper, that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business before the group, Chairman Kay declared the meeting adjourned at 4:42 P. M.



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Earl Kay, Chairman of the Board



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Date Approved



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Richard F. Brawley, Corporate Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

**AARON HOPPER**

- WHEREAS, Aaron Hopper has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Chippewa County, since 1999, giving freely of his time and efforts in supporting the goals and objectives of the county's economic development strategies, and*
- WHEREAS, during his thirteen (13) year term of office he also served as a member of the Airport Committee, and*
- WHEREAS, Aaron has been always mindful of the need for creating job opportunities for local residents, and has steadfastly worked towards this goal.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors do hereby adopt this resolution of appreciation for Aaron Hopper and extend their heartfelt thanks for his dedication to improve the economic climate of Chippewa County.*

*I hereby attest this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted unanimously at the meeting of the EDC Board of Directors held on March 6, 2012.*

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*Richard F. Brawley, Corporate Secretary*