

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
December 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. in the Commission Chambers located on the second floor of the Governmental Center and led the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty Colburn, Kevin Klein, Jessica Sullivan (8:15), Christie Minervini, Nate Alger, Christian Smith, Sonny Wheelock (8:07) Tom Kern, Keef Morgan

MEMBERS ABSENT Dennis Arouca

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Minervini seconded by Alger to approve the agenda. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Klein, seconded by Coburn to approve the regular session minutes of 11-14-19 as presented. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REPORTS / ACTION ITEMS

1. EDC/EDO Request - Discussion.

A copy of the request for funding letter to Commissioner Hentschel was presented and discussed.

Alger distributed Resolution 183-2019 passed by the county board on December 4, 2019.

Discussions are continuing with Warren Call regarding funding. The EDC Board has concerns regarding how the County Board's resolution may impact funding and further discussed how this was handled with other EDO's. There were also questions raised regarding whether or not they were bound by the same resolution and the legality of that resolution.

MOVED by Coburn, seconded by Kern to request a formal legal opinion (Hammersley) regarding the county board's resolution and its impact on the EDC. **APPROVED** unanimously.

MOVED by Klein, seconded by Alger to enter into closed session to discuss confidential correspondence from attorney @ 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Coburn, Klein, Sullivan, Minervini, Alger, Smith, Wheelock,

Morgan. Yes – 9, No – 0 (Absent – Arouca)

MOVED by Alger, seconded by Klein to exit from closed session at 9:02 a.m..

APPROVED unanimously.

MOVED by Wheelock, seconded by Coburn to waive privilege and ask staff to forward attorney's memo to MEDC regarding loans and see if they will consider discharge.

APPROVED unanimously.

Christian Smith provided an update on his robotics business which is doing very well. Due to that fact and the time involved, he will be resigning from the EDC. He added that he firmly believes in this board and that businesses need the type of assistance that can be offered. Also invited members to Open House on January 25th from 12-2.

OTHER BUSINESS Next regular meeting scheduled for January, when a new schedule for the year will be presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

MOVED BY Wheelock, seconded by Klein to adjourn meeting at 9:12 a.m..

APPROVED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m..

Closed session minutes of December 12th - EDC

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