

Wayne Economic Development Corporation
Board Meeting – August 25, 2021
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) was called to order by Dave Spickerman, Chairman at 9:45 a.m. with members of the Board and staff in attendance, in-person at 9 Pearl Street, Lyons, Second Floor Conference Room.

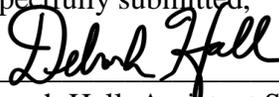
Meeting began with roll call. Members present were Dave Spickerman, Ken Miller – Vice Chairman (unofficially via Zoom), Julie DiLella – Treasurer, Jeannie Brockmyre, and Kaye Stone-Gansz – Secretary. Members absent were Pamela Heald, and Robert DeBadts. Also present were John P. Morell, Esq.; Brian Pincelli, CEO; Kathleen Bronson, COO; and Deb Hall, Records Management Officer/Assistant Secretary. Minutes from the July 28, 2021 board meeting were presented for approval as a motion by Ms. Stone-Gansz and second by Ms. DiLella. Minutes were accepted with unanimous approval.

Ms. Bronson presented an update on the KickStart programs, reporting that attendance in the SCORE workshops are good and the group has begun to prepare “pitches” with feedback from SCORE instructors. Ms. Bronson then gave updates on the Edge Factor career video project with the last five videos almost completed. She met with P-Tech school and Pal-Mac school district regarding use of these videos in their career exploration guidance as well as updated security features in the online platform that the schools requested. Progress is begin made on how to implement the use of the videos in student career fairs and curriculum. Ms. Stone-Gansz suggested revisiting an introduction to school superintendents. Mr. Pincelli agreed that more training on how to use the free platform is needed.

Ms. Bronson informed the board of a County Planning Dept affordable housing strategy study that includes an upcoming landlord training workshop as a first step in implementing a 4-part strategy to improve access to affordable housing. This sparked a lengthy discussion of the housing market and derelict property inventory in Wayne County. Mr. Pincelli stated that the county has applied for funding to do a county-wide housing study which has the goal of applying the planning process to economic development, in that it can address one of the two main issues in business attraction – the availability of talent, and subsequently the housing that correlates to quality of life for those potential employees. Financial statements were presented by Ms. Bronson, in absence of a Fiscal Officer, including a loan aging report which indicated that two loans have been paid in full. As follow up, a board member inquired of the status of Community Coffee loan. Mr. Morrell’s letter to the organization from June 29, 2021 requesting required documentation has gone unanswered. The board is still in discussion of the next steps to take.

A motion to move the meeting to Executive Session was made by Mr. Spickerman with a second from Ms. Brockmyre. All approved and executive session began at 10:34 a.m. Motion to end executive session and resume the regular meeting was made by Ms. Brockmyre with a second from Ms. Stone-Gansz. The regular meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m. The next WEDC Board Meeting was set for September 22, 2021 at 9:00am. A motion to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. was made by Ms. Brockmyre with second from Ms. Stone-Gansz. All approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Hall, Assistant Secretary