

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
September 19, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. in the Commission Chambers located on the second floor of the Governmental Center and led the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nate Alger, Marty Colburn, Sonny Wheelock, Dennis Arouca, Kevin Klein, Keef Morgan, Jessica Sullivan, Christian Smith, Richard Lewis

MEMBERS ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Lewis, 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 7-11-19 as presented. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REPORTS / ACTION ITEMS

1. Arouca provided feedback regard Center for Automotive Research (CAR) conference. Informaton will be distributed via email after meeting through staff.
2. Alger and Chris Forsyth provided information regarding Opportunity Zone in Garfield Township. John Sych is heading up the kick off. Garfield is partnering with Traverse Area Association of Realtors (TAAR) will have guest speaker Robert Gibbs (President and Managing Partner of Planning Group in Birmingham) presenting his assessment of redevelopment potential and prospects for the Opportunity Zone in Garfield Township. Event will be November 5h from 6-8 p.m. at Garfield Township Hall. This will get the word out on why investors and developers want to take part in this opportunity.

They are also asking County EDC to partner which means support and presence - not financial. Forsyth requested motion to ratify support.

MOVED by Wheelock, seconded by Lewis to promote and partner with Garfield Township to support event highlighting the potential and prospects for the Opportunity Zone in Garfield Township. **APPROVED** unanimously.

3. Warren Call provided a presentation to outline the 2020-2023 TraverseCONNECT Strategic Plan. He thanked the EDC for helping this become a reality and explained their mission, etc..

After the presentation, Chair Sullivan asked for roundtable thoughts from Board regarding the plan. Call will get with Sullivan and Alger to discuss how the EDC can participate - how to move forward and what amount of funding is requested, etc. An agreement will be prepared and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS October 10th @ 8:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chris Forsyth suggested the board watch the GT County Board meeting in October (2nd?) where Dick Carlile will present CP3 - the new on-line permitting process for construction code which will be of interest and help economic development.

MOVED by Wheelock, seconded by Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m..
APPROVED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m..