



MINUTES
Newaygo Economic Development Organization Meeting
May 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Armstrong called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Meeting to order at 3:00 pm at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Armstrong, Matthew Boynton, David Casey, Ed Fedell, Luke Francis, Morgan Heinzman (arrived 3:06 pm), Sadie Johnson
Absent: Scott Faulkner, Cory Nelson, Steven Radtke, George Suchy

Others Present: Jon Schneider, Kim Goodin, Lindsay Hager, Greg Poches, Chris Ortwein, Julie Burrell

Motion by Fedell, second by Francis to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Boynton, second by Fedell to approve the 11/16/2023 NEDO Meeting Minutes. AIF/MC

Motion by Boynton, second by Francis to reappoint Armstrong as NEDO Chair and Fedell as NEDO Vice-Chair. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Boynton, Casey, Fedell, Francis, Johnson Nays: None Absent: Heinzman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD BUSINESS

Julie Burrell, Economic Development Director, Newaygo County, provided a presentation on Newaygo County Housing Strategy. She said that the Housing Strategy aims to provide guidance for local leaders to support affordable and accessible housing options for all current and future residents. Burrell stated that the Strategy was not totally complete yet and they were still working on necessary changes to some of the data and information. Board members and group in attendance discussed:

- City Ordinances related to Housing Strategies presented by Burrell
- Accessory dwelling units and duplexes
- Challenges to find contractors and sub-contractors
- Efficiency houses
- Affordable Housing
 - Difficulty to construct affordable housing
 - Most municipalities not allowing smaller houses and single wide mobile homes
- Community type dwellings

Board members and group in attendance discussed economic development ideas related to gap financing, TIFA Façade Grants and State Match on Main Street Grant opportunity.

Schneider discussed the Public Safety Study that the City, Brooks Township and the Newaygo Fire District had collaborated on and said that the results and recommendations from the study would be presented by the consultant on May 14th at 7:00 pm.

Julie Burrell, Economic Development Director, Newaygo County, gave updates on Newaygo County Leadership Program that was finishing up, Talent Workshop, Placer AI data, and upcoming Pitch North Event.

Schneider discussed a list of current projects, future projects, and potential projects in the City that was included in packets.

Ortwein discussed the possibility of organizing a meeting with additional key individuals related specifically to housing.

Group discussed Tiny House development communities.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Kim Goodin, Recording Secretary