



MINUTES
Newaygo Economic Development Organization Meeting
May 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Armstrong called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Meeting to order at 3:02 pm at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Armstrong, Matthew Boynton, David Casey, Ryan Coffey Hoag, Scott Faulkner, Ed Fedell, Luke Francis, Sadie Johnson, Steven Radtke
Absent: None

Motion by Faulkner, second by Boynton to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Faulkner to approve the 11/14/2024 NEDO Meeting Minutes. AIF/MC

Motion by Faulkner, second by Boynton to reappoint Armstrong as NEDO Chair and Fedell as NEDO Vice-Chair. AIF/MC

Motion by Faulkner, second by Casey to approve Resolution N2025-01 approval of meeting schedule. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD BUSINESS

Radtke introduced Catherine Gage, Director of Advancement for the Heritage Museum of Newaygo County, which was recently hired.

Schneider gave updates on the Powerhouse Building and displayed pictures of the structural repairs and overlook deck that had been completed. He displayed potential concepts of the future look of an open air pavilion for the Powerhouse Building, which the architects had designed. Schneider said that the project will depend on costs and funding and will span over many years. He said that the focus over the next 12-18 months will be the Pocket Park at 8 W State Rd. Schneider stated that the City had received a grant to assist with funding of the Pocket Park. Board and Schneider discussed the future possibility of water and electric at the Powerhouse Building and the location of the "Fish Heads" (artwork currently located at the park by the Powerhouse Building).

Group discussed: Skate Park, Potential Skating Bowl behind the Skate Park, Placer AI and Penoyer Creek Project that MRWA will be working on.

In the absence of Kelly Rider, Executive Director of River Country Chamber of Commerce, Armstrong read Chamber updates from Rider.

Radtke gave an update on museum activities.

Schneider displayed a Taxable Value Graph for the City of Newaygo and group discussed the growth of the City and surrounding communities. Schneider gave updates on Apartments behind Leppinks project, Disc Golf Course and Pickleball Courts. He said that he has spoken with the Brooks Township Supervisor and representatives from J&H store as J&H is interested in building a store at 40 E 82nd Street and the adjacent right-of-way stating that this property is in Brooks Township. Schneider said that J&H would like City water and sewer and for this to happen, this property would need to be annexed into the City through a PA425. He explained the process and timeline of a potential PA425.

Motion by Fedell, second by Radtke to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm. AIF/MC

Kim Goodin, Recording Secretary