



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Friday, May 29, 2020– Minutes

Members

Present: Jade Sims, Joel Conn, Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Shawn Dunham, David Ledebuhr, Brenda Chapman, Township Manager Frank Walsh, Tom Conway, Kimberly Thompson, and Adam Carlson

Members

Absent: Trustee Kathy Ann Sundland and Mikhail Murshak

Others

Present: Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz, Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Economic Development Director Ken Lane, Planning Commissioner Peter Trezise, John Esser, Deborah Guthrie, and Trustee Patricia Herring Jackson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sims called the meeting to order at 7:31 am and Chair Sims read the mission statement.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER CONWAY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR. MOTION PASSES 9-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-May 13, 2020

MOTION BY MEMBER CHAPMAN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CONWAY. MOTION PASSES 9-0.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Small Business Relief Grant—Review Committee Recommendations

Chair Sims reported
MOTION BY MEMBER CARLSON TO APPROVE THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM, AS PRESENTED, WITH FUNDING OF \$100,000 FROM THE MERIDIAN REDEVELOPMENT FUND, \$40,000 FROM THE FARMERS MARKET DONATION, AND \$10,000 FROM THE EDC'S ACCOUNT, AND HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020 at 7:30AM TO APPROVE THE FINAL GRANT RECIPIENTS. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR. MOTION PASSES 11-0.

b. June Meeting Discussion

With three EDC meetings this month, there was a proposal to cancel the June meeting.

MOTION BY MANAGER WALSH TO CANCEL THE SCHEDULED JUNE 4, 2020 MEETING AND RESUME ON JULY 9, 2020. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR. MOTION PASSES 9-0.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Member Dunham reported that the Chinese New Year celebration has been rescheduled for February 21, 2021 and the Meridian Mall is opening today.

Chair Sims reported that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority met yesterday and approved the brownfield plan for the Haslett Road Marathon.

8. PUBLIC REMARKS

Deborah Guthrie, John Esser and Trustee Jackson all reported that they are .

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- July 9, 2020 at 7:30am

10. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Sims adjourned the meeting at 8:11am.