

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
June 2, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairperson Bonamy in the Grand Haven City Council Chambers, 519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

**Present:** Bob Monetza, Mike Fritz, Emily Greene, Linda Weavers, Bill Van Lopik, Jim Bonamy, Judith Swiftney-Dembowske, Tom Braciak

**Absent:** Brook Bisonet

**Others Present:** Ashley Latsch, Brian Urquhart, Dana Kollwehr

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Van Lopik, second by Fritz, to approve the minutes of the regular EDC/BRA meeting of March 3, 2025, as submitted.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Fritz, second by Van Lopik, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

**FIRST CALL TO AUDIENCE**

No response.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6a. None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **7a. EDC/BRA Board Officer Elections**

Chairperson Bonamy opened the item of election of officers, calling for the current meeting to be closed *Sine Die*, officers chosen by nomination and election managed by the current chairperson, with the meeting to be reopened by the new chairperson.

Motion to close the meeting *Sine Die* by Fritz, second by Van Lopik.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

Bonamy called for nominations for Chairperson. Fritz nominated Weavers. Hearing no other nominations, Bonamy closed nominations for Chairperson.

Motion to elect Weavers to be Chairperson by Monetza, second by Braciak.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

Bonamy called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Weavers nominated Van Lopik. Hearing no other nominations, Bonamy closed nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Motion to elect Van Lopik to be Vice Chairperson by Monetza, second by Braciak.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

Bonamy called for nominations for Treasurer. Fritz nominated Greene. Hearing no other nominations, Bonamy closed nominations for Treasurer.

Motion to elect Greene to be Treasurer by Braciak, second by Fritz.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

Bonamy called for nominations for Secretary. Fritz nominated Monetza. Hearing no other nominations, Bonamy closed nominations for Secretary.

Motion to elect Monetza to be Secretary by Fritz, second by Weavers.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

The Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was re-opened and called to order at 4:17 pm by Chairperson Weavers.

**Present:** Bob Monetza, Mike Fritz, Emily Greene, Linda Weavers, Bill Van Lopik, Jim Bonamy, Judith Swiftney-Dembowske, Tom Braciak

**Absent:** Brook Bisonet

**Others Present:** Ashley Latsch, Brian Urquhart, Dana Kollwehr

### **7b. Eastown Auto EDC Loan Request Presentation**

Eastown Auto, formerly Alles Tire, has undergone various upgrades and improvements since being purchased, and plans to install a new façade, signage, windows, etc., have been done. Eastown Auto owner, Adam Beck, is interested in obtaining an EDC loan of \$30,000 to be used as needed to improve cash flow. Terms would be \$30,000 for 5 years at 6.5% annually.

EDC members noted that the EDC loan would have a lower rate and be more advantageous than a commercial loan. Beck noted that he has not yet prepared an application nor supporting financial information, and the agenda item was to learn if the EDC would consider the loan. Monetza noted that the EDC loans were typically, but not exclusively, used for gap financing as a lender of last resort, after an applicant had exhausted alternatives, and that the EDC doesn't usually compete with private lenders.

Motion to encourage Eastown Auto to move forward with a formal proposal subject to review of financial information to be submitted at a future meeting by Fritz, second by Van Lopik.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

**This motion carried.**

### **7c Projects Update**

Kollwehr updated the Board on various projects currently in process for city approvals:

- Grand Haven Jewelry store at 224 Washington, possible housing TIF and OPRA request
- South Village project on Robbins Road, anticipates housing and brownfield TIF request
- 1445 Columbus apartments, anticipates commercial rehab incentive request
- 1447 Washington (Third Coast Recording studio), anticipates EDC loan request
- Marriott Hotel proposal, no requests yet, but may request CRP loan
- Diesel Plant, Capstone is now a partner, plans to come forward with revised PD request
- Chinook Pier reconstruction; development agreement is still under legal review
- Floto's building, no requests yet, plans to come to Planning Commission soon

No actions taken.

## **REPORT BY BOARD MEMBERS**

**8a. Report by City Manager:** No report.

**8b. Receive Financial Reports:** Financial documents submitted for Board information by Greene. Greene informed the Board that Adorn Kids has been making payments on their EDC loan.

## **CALL TO AUDIENCE SECOND OPPORTUNITY**

No response.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Weavers adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.

*Bob Monetza*