

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Due to the declared provincial emergency, this meeting is taking place virtually.

The Economic Development Board met virtually on May 13, 2020. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, George Finch, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Jason Oud, Tim Prior and Martin Vanderloo. Member Prior departed at 7:59 PM. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry and Clerk Susan Cronin.

- 1. Chair Marshall called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:03 PM:**
Chair Marshall welcomed the new members of the Board- Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, and Jason Oud.

- 2. Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Economic Development Board agenda for May 13, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

There were no declarations stated.

- 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of March 11, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- 5. Presentations/Delegations:**

- 5.1. Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)**

Vicki Lass, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Huron, Perth and Waterloo, Advisory Services West, Business Development Branch, updated the Board. Ms. Lass informed members that there were numerous funding programs released.

- 5.2. New Agricultural Products Research (presented by Alexander Ripley).** The presentation on Innovative Agricultural Products was done by Normand Landry, VP North America & Partner, Jason Kipfer, Director of Economic Development, and Etienne Lemieux, Lead Research and Analyst of Explorer Solutions.

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MOTION:

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Vanderloo

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated May 13, 2020, titled New Agricultural Products Research, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall requested Cody Joudry give a detailed explanation of agenda to update the new members of the Board. He stated that there will be an orientation scheduled next week for the new members and requested that each of them introduce and give a biography of themselves.

7. Board Member Issues:

Member MacLellan requested an update on the Support Local Economic Development (SLED) program. Director Joudry stated that the program would be released shortly.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Economic Development Department April 2020 Update (presented by Reanne Clark)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Vanderloo and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Communications and Marketing Officer, dated May 13, 2020, titled Economic Development Department April 2020 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Huron County Pandemic 2020 Recovery Strategy (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated May 13, 2020, titled Huron County Pandemic 2020 Recovery Strategy, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

10.1. Financial Statements: (presented by Lisa Harvey)

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The Financial Statements for the month ending March 31, 2020 were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Finch

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Updates from Working Groups

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be a virtual meeting, on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded By: Member Vanderloo

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 8:03 PM.

CARRIED