

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Due to Huron County's COVID Response Plan, this meeting took place virtually.

The Economic Development Board met virtually on February 10, 2021. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Glen McNeil and Jason Oud. Members of the Board Absent: Tim Prior. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry and Clerk Susan Cronin.

1. Chair Marshall called the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:02 PM:

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Chandler and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for February 10, 2021 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: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of January 13, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations: None.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall informed members that he has donated to the Huron Entrepreneur Fund to get this program started. This is economic development at its best.

Chair Marshall informed members that there is a Huron County Airport Task Force committee and he requested support from the Board.

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MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board directs staff to prepare a report with information from the Airport Task Force.

CARRIED

Member Kavanagh informed members that the letters of support from Ontario municipalities requesting small businesses be permitted to open at 25% during the reopening was successful and the support was appreciated.

7. Board Member Issues: None.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Economic Development Department January 2021 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Oud

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated February 10, 2021, titled Economic Development Department January 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Tourism Working Group Sub-sector Consultations (presented by Rick Sickinger)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Rick Sickinger, Tourism Development Officer, dated February, 10 2021, titled Tourism Working Group Sub-sector Consultations, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Huron County Business Retention and Expansion Project 2021 (presented by Cole Nicholson)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cole Nicholson, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator, dated February 10, 2021, titled Huron County Business Retention and Expansion Project 2021, as presented for information.

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CARRIED

9.4. Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum - Final Report (presented by Alexander Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated February 10, 2021, titled Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum - Final Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5. Establishing a Designated Viticultural Area in Huron County (presented by Alexander Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated February 10, 2021, titled Establishing a Designated Viticultural Area in Huron County, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.6. New Agricultural Products Initiative - Update (presented by Alexander Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated February 10, 2021, titled New Agricultural Products Initiative - Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.7. Agriculture Work Plan 2022-2024 (presented by Alexander Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated February 10, 2020, titled Agriculture Work Plan, 2022-2024, as presented for information.

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10. Financial Statements:

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Year-end statements are in progress and currently not available.

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Airport Task Force Report
- Local Automation Technology
- Members are to send all requested future meeting topics to Chair Marshall.

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will held virtually on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:01 PM.

CARRIED