

County of Huron  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 12, 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 May 12, 2021. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler (departed at 6:45 PM), Jim Ginn (joined at 5:31 PM), Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Tim Prior and Jason Oud. Members of the Board Absent: none. 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:**

There one addition to the agenda:

9.4 Economic Development Plan Refresh Discussion (presented by John Marshall)

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for May 12, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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

There were no declarations stated.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of April 14, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations/Delegations:** None.

**6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:**

Chair Marshall informed members that some members of the board have requested more time for open discussion during the meetings. Chair Marshall agreed and supported this request.

**7. Board Member Issues:** None.

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**8. Correspondence:** None.

**9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:**

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

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated May 12, 2021, titled Economic Development Department April 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Huron County Grant Review Committee Terms of Reference (presented by Brittany Wise)

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated May 12, 2021, titled Huron County Grant Review Committee Terms of Reference, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board approves the Huron County Grant Review Committee Terms of Reference and the Economic Development Board Renewal Committee will select committee members as outlined.

CARRIED

The Economic Development Board asked for 2 members to sit on the Grant Review Committee. Member Kavanagh requested to be considered for the position. Other members of the board are to submit their name to the Chair to be considered as part of the Grant Review Committee.

9.3. Renewal Committee May 2021 Recommendation (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated May 12, 2021, titled Renewal Committee May 2021 Recommendation, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board recommends to Huron County Council that Bryan Vincent be appointed to the Board with a term ending December 2023.

CARRIED

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Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board requests a report with options for engaging with Huron County businesses that investigates methods for long term sustainability post pandemic which includes history, trends and forecasts.

CARRIED

**10. Financial Statements:**

10.1. Financial Statements (presented by Lisa Harvey)

The financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2021 were reviewed.

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by Member Prior

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

**11. Closed to the Public Session:** None.

**12. Future Meeting Topics:**

- Members are to send all requested future meeting topics to Chair Marshall.
- Update on Broadband in Huron County
- Presentation on Commodity Prices
- Huron online Farmers Markets (Taste of Huron)

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

**14. Adjournment:**

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 6:47 PM.

CARRIED