

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM

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

The Economic Development Board met virtually on April 13, 2022. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, Bernie MacLellan (arrived at 5:52 PM), John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud, Tim Prior and Bryan Vincent. Members of the Board Absent: John Kiser. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass, Director of Planning and Development Sandra Weber and Clerk Susan Cronin.

1. Chair Marshall called the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:03 PM:

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for April 13, 2022 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:

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of March 9, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations:

5.1. POWER-TO-AG Consortium

Jason Van Geel and Paul McCleave of Carlsun Energy Solutions / 7GFUEL presented and make the following request:

That the Huron County Economic Development Board pass a motion to provide a letter of support to the Federal Government to advance the proposal to develop a green ammonia project in Huron County.

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

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The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the presentation by Jason Van Geel and Paul McCleave of Carlsun Energy Solutions / 7GFUEL, dated April 13, 2022, titled POWER-TO-AG Consortium, as presented for information.

CARRIED

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board provides a letter of support to the Federal Government for the application for funding a feasibility and engineering study to advance the proposal to develop a green ammonia project in Huron County as presented by POWER TO AG Consortium Jason Van Geel and Paul McCleave of Carlsun Energy Solutions/ 7GFUEL.

CARRIED

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board request the presentation by POWER TO AG Consortium Jason Van Geel and Paul McCleave of Carlsun Energy Solutions / 7GFUEL, be forwarded to Huron County Council and the Municipalities of Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh and Central Huron.

CARRIED

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair: None.

7. Board Member Issues:

Member MacLellan attended a session at the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference from City Wide. Staff will bring information to the board on this item.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1 Economic Development Learning Moment (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report of Sandra Weber, Director of Planning & Development, dated April 13, 2022, titled Planning Presentation to Ec Dev Board as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2 Economic Development Department March 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Chandler and Seconded by: Member Vincent

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The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report prepared by Reanne Clark, Officer Administrator, dated April 13, 2022, titled Economic Development Department March 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3 Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Data Comparison of Agriculture and Non-agriculture Main Survey Results (presented by Cole Nicholson)

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cole Nicholson, Business Retention & Expansion Coordinator, dated April 13, 2022, titled Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Data Comparison of Agriculture and Nonagriculture Main Survey Results, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.4 SLED Funding Program Report 2020-2022 (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report of Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated April 13, 2022, titled SLED Funding Program Report 2020 - 2022, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5 Updated Terms of Reference for Review (presented by Vicki Lass)

The amended Terms of Reference will presented for approval at the next Board meeting

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The Huron Economic Development Board approves updating the Terms of Reference by including the rallying cry as "Leading the Charge to Ignite Huron County's Economy.

CARRIED

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron Economic Development Board receives the report of Vicki Lass, Director, dated April 13, 2022, titled Updated Terms of Reference as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

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

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

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12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Terms of Reference
- Rail Report
- Airport Update
- Communications

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held on Wednesday May 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:54 PM.

CARRIED