

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
NEXT MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NMDC)

May 29, 2014

Easterday called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers in the Governmental Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanine Easterday, Chuck Korn (1:32 p.m.), Herb Lemcool, Glen Lile and Patrick Pahl

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Carmoney, Jean Derenzy and John Sych

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pahl requested the name listed underneath the signature line be changed to Chuck Korn.

Moved by Pahl, seconded by Lemcool to approve the February 27, 2014 NMDC minutes as amended. **Approved unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS/RECEIVE & FILE COMMUNICATIONS

A. 2013 Annual Report

Sych indicated the draft 2013 Annual Report for the Next Michigan Development Corporation is ready to be sent out.

Moved by Korn, seconded by Pahl to approve the 2013 Annual Report for the Next Michigan Development Corporation as presented. **Approved unanimously.**

B. Marketing – Name, Logo, Website Presentation

On March 26, Flight Path Creative unveiled the new name, Northern Nexus, and logo for the Next Michigan Development Corporation. Since a quorum was not present at the March 26 meeting, no action was taken. Art Bukowski from Flight Path Creative spoke about the new name, logo and presented the website. The website is not complete, but is anticipated to go live in June.

Moved by Lemcool, seconded by Easterday to approve the use of the new name, Northern Nexus, for the Grand Traverse Region Next Michigan Development Corporation. **Approved unanimously.**

C. New Tax Abatement Application – QSDG Manufacturing

The NMDC received its first tax abatement application. The applicant is Quantum Sails. Derenzy gave an overview of the company's history, and reviewed the application process. Streamlining the abatement process and communicating with the taxing jurisdictions was discussed.

Moved by Lemcool, seconded by Lile to establish a public hearing for the June 26, 2014 meeting for consideration of a tax abatement request by QSDG Manufacturing.

Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NOTICES

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Chuck Korn, Chair