

**Wayne Economic Development Corporation
Board Meeting – July 28, 2021
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) was called to order by Dave Spickerman, Chairman at 9:02 a.m. with members of the Board and staff in attendance, in-person at 9 Pearl Street, Lyons, Second Floor Conference Room.

Meeting began with roll call. Members present were Dave Spickerman, Ken Miller – Vice Chairman, Julie DiLella – Treasurer, and Kaye Stone-Ganz – Secretary. Members absent were Jeannie Brockmyre, Pamela Heald, and Robert DeBadts. Also present were John P. Morell, Esq., Brian Pincelli, CEO; Kathleen Bronson, COO; and Deb Hall, Records Management Officer/Assistant Secretary.

Minutes from the June 30, 2021 board meeting were presented for approval as a motion by Ms. DiLella and second by Mr. Miller. Minutes were accepted with unanimous approval.

Ms. Bronson presented the final WEDC Microburst Policies and Procedures Manual and explained the similarities and differences between this policy and other loan policies of the WEDC. A Resolution to approve the WEDC Microburst Policies and Procedures Manual was presented and approved as follows.

Resolution to approve WEDC Microburst Policies and Procedure Manual

Whereas the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) supports for-profit corporations and industries in Wayne County to invest in infrastructure and to meet the needs the Wayne County community; and

Whereas, the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Board has been presented the WEDC Microburst Policies and Procedure Manual; and

Whereas, the WEDC has the capacity to implement the Microburst/MicroEnterprise loan fund; and

Whereas, the Loan Review Committee will review all applications and provide recommendations to the WEDC Board of Directors; and

Resolved, that the WEDC Board of Directors approves and authorizes staff to administer the Wayne Economic Development Corporation Microburst Program according to Policy and Procedure manual.

Moved: Ms. Stone-Ganz Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Miller Nays: 0

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
David Spickerman, Sr.	X			
Jeannie Brockmyre			X	
Julie DiLella	X			
Kaye Stone-Ganz	X			
Ken Miller	X			
Pamela Heald			X	
Robert DeBadts			X	

Project Updates were introduced by Ms. Bronson regarding the KickStart initiatives. Ms. Hall discussed the promotions for the 3rd Annual StartUp Pitch competition with combined introduction of the Microburst program as part of the KickStart initiative. Both programs are being promoted separately on multiple radio stations and news media sources, both online and in print. Mr. Pincelli has had two radio interviews (WGVA 1240 & WACK 1420) with a third planned for WHAM 1180 next month to discuss these programs. Discussion among the Board focused on using this program to further develop career awareness among youth and young adults in the county and continuing to work with school districts to identify a workforce pipeline for local employers.

Mr. Pincelli updated the Board on two staff positions open in the Dept. One position, formerly Business Expansion and Retention, is being redefined as “Economic Development Specialist” for approval by County Board of Supervisors. This position will focus on business attraction efforts in the County. The second position, Chief Fiscal Officer, has garnered some interest after Civil Service testing. Both jobs will also be posted on internet job sites.

Financial statements were presented by Ms. Bronson, in absence of a Fiscal Officer, including a loan aging report.

A motion to move the meeting to Executive Session was made by Ms. Stone-Gansz with a second from Mr. Spickerman. All approved and executive session began at 9:40 a.m. Motion to end executive session and resume the regular meeting was made by Mr. Spickerman with a second from Mr. Miller. The regular meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Ms. Stone-Gansz then made a motion, with a second from Mr. Spickerman, to appoint Ms. Hall as the Alternate Appeals Officer. All board members approved of this motion.

In other business, Mr. Miller asked permission from the Board for the two County Police Reform Committees to use vacant WEDC-owned property at Silver Hill Tech Park to set up a tent and conduct a two-hour information session inviting the public to join one of the committees on September 26, 2021. Mr. Miller stated that the County would provide the proper insurance for the event. The Board approved this request.

The next WEDC Board Meeting was set for August 25, 2021 at 9:00am

A motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. was made by Ms. DiLella with second from Mr. Spickerman. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Hall, Assistant Secretary