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**MEETING OF
September 17, 2012**

**MINUTES OF THE BOYNE CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD ON MONDAY,
September 17, 2012, AT 12:00 NOON.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gillette called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kelly Bellant, Michael Cain, Richard Copeland, Michelle Cortright,
Pete Friedrich, Ralph Gillett and Marilea Grom,
Absent: Pat Anzell, Ralph Gillett, Josette Lory
Staff: Planner / Zoning Administrator Scott McPherson
Clerk / Treasurer Cindy Grice
Public: Eight

**EXCUSED ABSENCE
MOTION**

Cain moved Friedrich seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to excuse Pat Anzell and Josette Lory.

**HEARING CITIZENS
COMMENTS**

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

**BRIEF RECESS
MOTION**

Cain moved Grom seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to recess at 12:02 p.m. until representatives from Kirtland Products arrive.

**RECONVENE
MEETING**

Gillett moved Cortright seconded PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to reconvene meeting at 12:12 p.m..

**NEW BUSINESS
KIRTLAND
PRODUCTS UPDATE**

Leon Tupper of Kirtland provided the board with Kirtland's noise mitigation progress. 90% of the corrections to the noise has been completed. A final piece of equipment will arrive on soon. The plant is not operating this week. Stack testing was completed last week. The preliminary report showed that Kirtland was below the allow amounts and they were told everything looked good. Standards are being applied to eliminate the pulsation. They have done their own audibility testing over and above community noise and are confident that the noise they are emitting doesn't have the same fingerprint. Tom Monley added that the 25 decibel level was originally from the hammermill building. RSG showed no work to be done on breakout noise. Mr. Tupper stated they continue to look at other opportunities to address the noise such as stacking straw around a piece of equipment they didn't mitigate. The company is not in a financial position to go after every level but will

continue to find ways to reduce noise. They have made sacrifices by reducing work hours. Mr. Monley added they have received a lot calls from citizens who were impressed by the noise reduction.

Scott McPherson said he as received calls stating the character of the noise has changed.

Michele Cortright inquired about the business pipeline and was informed the industry in general was slow. Cooler weather should create an uptick in activity. Pete Friedrich asked if berms and landscaping are still in the plans and was informed that berms are in place, landscaping will take place next spring but RSG said it will have no affect on the noise.

Michael Cain said where we are going from here. He has heard mixed opinion on the impact. We received very few complaints during last weeks run.

Citizens Comments: Kim Rotermund said from the first meeting he learned that no commissioner had visited other pellet plants. Now we are coming up with a noise issue that we were told wouldn't be there. Now there's the issue of steam which is smoke. The commission should have asked if facilities were visited. He added that he feels Kirtland has been disengenious to the City. Also they are constantly pumping jobs. The issue is the environment and where they are going.

Diane Hausler said she was shocked to see in the newspaper that noise was mitigated. The odor hasn't been mentioned. It is not a slightly smoky smell. It has caused allergies to get worse. Someone has to take a stand. State standards have been set way too high.

Mr. Tupper, in response to a question about adding a scrubber to the stack, stated that extremely expensive technology does exist. They have indicated they see no need to mitigate the steam and / or odor. Limits have been established and they relied on those entities for the expected guidelines.

Al Aown said this process has been educational for everybody. He sees the problem depends on the initial information received from Kirtland. Now we want to adhere to standards to the permit that was issued, to fulfill what they said they would do.

Michael Cain said the Planning Commission will meet tonight. They know what they expected. The EDC found funds for the study. It is up to this group whether there is anything they want to do with the information received or make a recommendation.

Mr. Tupper said they have provided a vision paper with a summary of work done tonight. Tom Monley said there is no BOC's VOC's (correction from 11/12 minutes) coming out of the stacks. They are now checking particulate. Scott McPherson said the DEQ has not contacted him.

GOOD OF THE ORDER McPherson said the DEQ has not contacted him.

None

ADJOURNMENT

The September 17, 2012 Economic Development Corporation meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Cindy Grice

Cindy Grice, Clerk / Treasurer