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**MEETING OF  
September 13, 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE BOYNE CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD ON MONDAY, September 13, 2021.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gillett called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL  
MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Present: Pat Anzell, Kelly Bellant, Michael Cain, Ralph Gillett, Michelle Cortright, Brian Eckerle, and Josette Lory  
Absent: Craig Scachitti

Staff: Recording Secretary, Jessica Puroll  
Public: Two

**MINUTE APPROVAL  
Motion**

**Lory moved, Anzell seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the July 12, 2021 minutes as presented.

**HEARING CITIZENS  
PRESENT**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

PRESENTATION FROM NORTH  
CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT DAVID FINLEY

North Central Michigan College President David Finley is proud to serve his fourth year at NCMC. He is a Chemical Engineer by training. There is a need for employees in the workforce, and they have an interest in helping out with this. North Central Michigan College Vice President Stephen Strom is new to the NCMC serving his seventh week. He is an Engineer by degree, and served in the Air Force for 21 years. He was attracted to NCMC because of how closely they work with the communities they serve.

Manufacturing, STEM, and occupational programs are some areas of study at NCMC. Certification of Development in CNC Machinists Technology is a 20 credit hour program. Course instruction is a blend of classroom, online, and hands-on learning. CNC training is offered onsite at the Petoskey campus or on the road through their Fab Lab. Launching through their corporate and community education division in early 2021 was their mechatronics courses. New in 2020 NCMC collaborated with Google and Jobs for the Future to offer a free, self-paced IT Support Professional Certification. NCMC is one of only

100 colleges nationwide to offer the program. NCMC now offers apprenticeship opportunities. The apprenticeship program launched in January 2020, and they partnered with Boyne Highlands, Boyne Mountain, the Inn at Bay Harbor, Northwest Michigan Works, and the American Culinary Federation. NCMC offers career guidance for occupational and transfer students, job search tools, and assistance with resume and cover letter writing. These services are also available to alumni and community members. Launched in September 2020 in partnership with the University of Utah, North Central's Lifelong Learning Club offers more than 100 classes presented by experts in their field. Many of these classes are offered online. NCMC participates in the Going PRO in Michigan Talent Fund. These are funds awarded to businesses and organizations to assist in training, developing, and retaining current and newly hired employees. Companies that are planning to expand and add new jobs in the state of Michigan, the Michigan New Jobs Training Program (MNJTP) can provide reimbursement of the cost for employee training and education programs designed specifically for your business. NCMC collects the workers' diverted Michigan income tax withholdings and in turn reimburses the company for training expenses. The Borra learning center was completed in August 2021. The renovation and addition to their main classroom building includes state-of-the-art classrooms, a student-centered wing, and a new student commons area. NCMC's next capital outlay project calls for a \$12 million expansion of their career and technical programs, with a focus on trades education and an expanded space for nursing and allied health programs. 90% of NCMC alumni live and work within the local area.

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Michelle Cortright discussed the Boyne Workforce Solutions an initiative of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce. They have been meeting since January 2020. The initiative is to get a grip on a small aspect of the workforce in Boyne City. NCMC President David Finely is part of this group initiative. This would be a school to work program that would work with students in Boyne City and Boyne Falls to help them succeed in life. It includes a one year follow up. Nine out of ten employers hire the employee after the trail period. It is a cost share three-year program. They currently only have a small funding gap to close. To make this program happen they are in need of a donor to commit to donating \$10,000 for the next three years.

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**BOYNE CITY HOUSING  
PROJECTS**

Steve Schnell was not available to attend today's meeting. He may be available for the next meeting. They are working on coming up with funding for two projects on East Main Street.

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**OPEN SPACE M-75**

Glen Catt is considering a possible hotel on the space that was at one time considered for a Save-A-Lot. Without a 425 agreement, the water and sewer options are limited. City Manager Michael Cain spoke with him about the possibility of putting up a hotel at the intersection of Moll Drive. Glen Catt is currently working on a hotel in Gaylord.

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The Daifuku Jervis Webb project is on schedule for new build. They have had inquiries to purchase old plant. At this time they have not applied for an abatement.

There is no timeline for the Lofts on Lake Street project.

Lakeview Village is on track for the end of the month.

Fox Run builds have slowed down. There are 145 spaces for manufactured homes.

A challenge for local manufactures is that when one gains an employee it typically means another is losing one. They are sharing employees. Sources that fuel the workforce are declining which creates a challenge. Engineering positions are now transitioning to work from home positions. This makes it harder to fill when it's an office position.

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**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

None

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the EDC is scheduled for November 8, 2021.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The September 13, 2021 Economic Development Corporation meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Jessica Puroll, Recording Secretary