



MINUTES
Newaygo Economic Development Organization Meeting
November 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Armstrong called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Meeting to order at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Armstrong, Matthew Boynton, Scott Faulkner, Ed Fedell, Luke Francis (arrived 3:09 pm), Sadie Johnson
Absent: David Casey, Morgan Heinzman, Cory Nelson, Steven Radtke, George Suchy

Motion by Faulkner, second by Boynton to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Fedell, second by Boynton to approve the 05/09/2024 NEDO Meeting Minutes. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD BUSINESS

Blake Prewitt, NCRESA Superintendent, and Ben Gilpin, NPS Superintendent, were present and gave a presentation discussing education performance in the County. They provided statistic information and discussed areas they felt could be enhanced.

Julie Burrell, Senior Economic Development Director, Newaygo County, was present and gave updates on various programs and events. She discussed the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program that will provide access to gap financing for public space and place-based infrastructure. Burrell stated that a presentation on Newaygo County Economic Outlook would be presented on January 28th.

Kelly Rider, Executive Director of River Country Chamber of Commerce, was present and gave updates on: Lunch and Learn Sessions being offered by the Chamber, Leadership Program being offered by the Chamber, the upcoming Newaygo Christmas Walk, and a Visioning Session for the Chamber. She discussed the Newaygo Social Zone District and said that the Chamber is looking for a business representative to chair/organize a committee for Social Zone events.

Schneider gave updates on the Town Square Project and Powerhouse Building Project. He stated that the Newaygo Social Zone Project was complete and displayed pictures before the project started, pictures during the project and pictures of the finished project.

Faulkner stated that the museum was in the process of hiring for a Funding and Community Engagement Position that will assist in paying down the debt.

Motion by Boynton, second by Francis to adjourn the meeting.

Kim Goodin, Recording Secretary