



**CITY OF ALLEGAN**  
**Economic Development Corporation**  
**Griswold Auditorium**  
**401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2013**

**I. Call to Order**

R. Hillard called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

**II. Attendance**

Present: Deb Leverage, Lovedia Stap, Sheila Dever, Jeff McLaughlin, Nora Balgoyen-Williams

Absent: Mike Walsh, Jim Freeman, Rachel McKenzie, Craig vanMelle

Others

Present: Robert Hillard, Tim Perrigo – Allegan Chamber of Commerce

**III. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

D. Leverage, supported by J. McLaughlin, made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2013. Motion passed by acclamation.

**IV. Old Business**

1. Allegan County College Access Network – Gordon Wickens...DISCUSSION

The AEDC listened to a presentation by Gordon Wickens of AAESA representing the Allegan County College Access Network. The AEDC asked a variety of questions related to the existing program, and the need for post-secondary education and its future indicator for success for citizens.

2. Michigan Works! – Deborah Lyzenga – Business Services Manager

The AEDC listened to a presentation from Deborah Lyzenga – Business Services Manager – Michigan Works! related to their employment services. The strategy for Michigan Works is employer based, serving individuals to match job skills with their needs. The AEDC asked a variety of questions related to their services and potential granting opportunities

## **V. New Business**

Corridor Improvement Authority – Step Sheet

The AEDC was handed a step sheet regarding the Corridor Improvement Authority process for M-89. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

## **VII. Minutes and Reports**

\*Positively Allegan (Rachel, Deb, Jeff)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Restructuring Committee (Lovedia, Craig, Mike, Jim)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Aesthetics Committee (Deb)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Downtown Development Authority (Rachel, Lovedia, Deb)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the DDA. Deb reviewed some of the activities this holiday season and encouraged members to attend. Many of the members took flyers to spread the word.

\*Planning Commission (Rob)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Planning Commission.

\*Highland Business Park - Architectural Control Committee (Mike)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce (Tim)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00P. The next meeting will be rescheduled do to the holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Hillard  
City Manager