



**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
Economic Development Corporation and  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
Allegan City Hall  
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010  
Wednesday, February 4, 2021  
12:00noon**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. It should be noted the meeting was held electronically in accordance with PA 228 of 2020. Board members will note of their locations when roll call attendance.

**II. Attendance**

Present: Clerk Tapper provided roll call; Michael Kiella (Allegan, MI), Kim Munn, (Allegan, MI), Lovedia Stap, (Allegan, MI) Craig VanMelle (Allegan, MI) and Mike Walsh (Allegan, MI)

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager; Christopher Tapper, City Clerk and Sarah Perrigo, Intern. Also, present Tim Perrigo, Allegan Chamber of Commerce and Mandy Cooper, Lakeshore Advantage.

**III. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Munn offered a motion with support from Stap to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on August 5, 2020. **Roll Call Vote Motion carried 6-0**

**IV. Public Comment**

Let the record show no public comment was offered. Clerk Tapper noted no public comment was received from the Clerk's Office.

**V. Discussion**

**a. Election of Chairperson**

Kiella opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the Allegan City Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

VanMelle offered a motion with support from Stap to nominate Michael Keilla as Chairperson of the EDC/BRA. **Roll Call Vote Motion carried 6-0**

Redding offered a motion with support from Stap to approve the nomination of Michael Keilla as Chairperson of the EDC/BRA for the calendar year 2021. **Roll Call Motion carried 6-0**

Chairman Keilla opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Allegan City Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Walsh offered a motion with support from Redding to nominate VanMelle as Vice Chairperson of the EDC/BRA. **Roll Call Vote Motion carried 6-0**

Stap offered a motion with support from Walsh to approve the nomination of VanMelle as Vice Chairperson of the EDC/BRA for the calendar year 2021. **Roll Call Vote Motion carried 6-0**

**b. Discussion of By-Laws and Membership**

Chairman Kiella invited attendees, Tim Perrigo, Allegan Chamber of Commerce and Mandy Cooper, Lakeshore Advantage the opportunity to discuss involvement of outside Membership. City Manager Dye also presented to the Board the By-Laws of the EDC/BRA. Dye noted of the recommendation of staff to set membership at seven members and not nine members, creation of ex-officio position for non-voting members to include representation from the Chamber of Commerce and regional economic development agency and creating an executive Committee that consists of the Chair and Vice Chair and City Councilmember.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow staff, to proceed with the draft language and continue the updates to the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. Chairman Kiella thanked staff for the updates and looked forward to reviewing the proposed changes at the meeting in May.

**c. Review of Economic Development Plan 2021**

VanMelle offered a motion with support from Stap to approve the Allegan City Economic Development Plan for 2021 as presented with corrections. **Roll Call Vote Motion carried 6-0**

**d. Update Progress of Sub Committee Work**

A general discussion ensued regarding the work of the Sub Committee. Redding noted of the discussion of need for more internet access to Allegan County residents. Redding and Sub Committee are working on a plan with support of the Allegan Public Library to bring more internet access to Allegan County residents. The Sub Committee noted of the importance of expanding access to residents in rural areas.

**VI. Member and Staff Comments**

A general discussion ensued regarding the 2021 meeting schedule. The consensus of the Board was to continue meeting quarterly, with the next meeting dates of the first Wednesday, May, August and November. Manager Dye noted of the Welcome Center property has received a purchase offer and purchase agreement.

Stap was excused at 12:58

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 P.M.