



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, August 7, 2025– Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Dave Ledebuhr, Nate Ide, David Fosdick, Adam Hodges, and Joy Hazard

Members

Absent: Adam Carlson

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice- Chair Fosdick called the meeting to order at 7:31am and read the mission statement.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER IDE. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-Meeting June 5, 2025
- b. Development Projects

MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER HODGES. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Notification of West Hamilton and Okemos Subcommittee and selection of David Fosdick
Director Clark provided the update that the Downtown Development Authority did create the West Hamilton and Okemos Road subcommittee. This committee will meet to discuss the specifics of the potential development at the site formerly known as the “Village of Okemos”. The intent of the subcommittee is to provide solutions for the site and a pathway to complete a redevelopment project.

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Annual Training – MEDC updates and Development Incentives

Director Clark provided an overview of the training module around Community Crowdsourcing funding and investment guide as presented by MEDC. The 10 minute Youtube video module one

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. REPORTS/OPEN DISCUSSION

a. Township Board Updates

Trustee Sundland reported the following:

- Attended the MML Capital Conference and the MTA Annual Conference
- Celebrate Meridian will be on June 27 and 28
- Meridian Pride will be on May 31

Treasurer Deschaine reported at the May 8 Board meeting, they will be deciding on the millage question for the Senior/Community Center Project. The question will be on the ballot for an August special election.

Director Clark stated that member Dunham has resigned from the EDC and the Township Board will be reviewing an application for Adam Hodges from CBL to join the EDC in his place. She reviewed the development update, which includes the following:

- A new building has opened at Knob Hill to replace the one lost in the fire
- Contact with a car wash to replace the former Outback Steakhouse building
- Wheat Jewelers will be demolished soon

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

- June 5, 2025 at 7:30am at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:19am.