



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
420 N. Front St
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. p.m. by Chairperson Bahle.

Present: Bahle, Popke, Millns, Wierzba, & Lutke,
Absent: Peterson, Sitkins, Derigiotis & Young
Guests: Rob Bacigalupi, Mission North Consulting
Staff present: Petroskey & Larrea

Approval of Agenda

Popke moved, Wierzba seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5 No: 0.

Conflict of Interest:

Approval of Downtown Development Authority Minutes

Popke moved, Wierzba seconded, CARRIED, to approve the November 13, 2024, DDA meeting minutes. Ayes: 5, No: 0.

Items for Consideration:

a. Marina/Bathroom Update

Rob Larrea stated that soil samples were taken from the future site of the facility. The surveyors found peat in the soil. They will do additional borings to see if they can find suitable soil to build the bathrooms in the proposed location. Larrea also stated once the location is solidified, they will determine how the facility will be sited, i.e. horizontal or perpendicular to the road.

b. TIF Net Steps

Rob Bacigalupi informed the DDA that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners chose not to opt into the DDA. Bacigalupi provided a report showing the taxable values in the DDA district and what percentage other entities would contribute if they opted in.

DDA members asked if the committee could request a written response from the County

detailing their reasons why they opted out. This would give the DDA an opportunity to respond to their concerns. Bacigalupi recommended that members begin discussion this year when the County starts budget preparation.

Bahle suggested that the DDA run an awareness campaign. He suggested members introduce themselves to the commissioners as well as talk to their neighbors. Lutke suggested starting with a press release that shows the DDA's progress and explain what the DDA hopes to accomplish with additional funds. It was recommended that this information be provided on the Village website.

Manager's Update: Rob noted that the Spring Newsletter was sent out via email this week.

Information and comments: None

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting is May 14, 2025

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Dorothy Petroskey, Clerk.