

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the City of Grant Municipal Offices located at 280 S Maple St, Grant, MI.

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

2. *Attendance:*

PRESENT: Kelly Pangburn, Harold Portell (5:07pm), Chris Sorden, Lori Gardner, Jon Swinehart (5:07pm), Wayne Webster, Terry Fett - Chairman, and Suzanne VanWieren.

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell– Assistant City Manager/Clerk, and Andy Lofgren-NCEDO Director.

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: Dennis Nelson – Co-Chair

3. *Presentation from Andy Lofgren-NCEDO:* Andy explained that the Newaygo County Economic Development Office is a private non-profit organization that provides assistance with retention and expansion of jobs, attracting and growing new businesses, promoting and enhancing tourism, and promoting Newaygo County as a whole. NCEDO is a corporate partner with Michigan Economic Development Commission and is funded by four cities, Newaygo County, the Fremont Area Community Foundation, and a few other private sources. Andy also provided helpful information on the following programs:

- SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives) offers free services
- Innovation Works and The Right Place
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Generation E Program with NCRESA

4. *Development & Finance Plans:* Board members are reviewing a first draft of the Development & Finance Plans, and will provide additional ideas for inclusion at the June 3rd meeting.

5. *Approval of February 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes*

Motion: Made by Pangburn to approve the meeting minutes. Second by VanWieren.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. *Adjournment:*

The Board adjourned without objection at 6:40p.m.

Chairperson Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk