

MEETING MINUTES
KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)
FEBURARY 20, 2020 – 8:30 AM
CURTISS HALL, SVSU (7400 BAY ROAD, UNIVERSITY CENTER, MI 48710)

Board Members Present: Lyle Davis (Chairman), Bill Gray (Vice Chairman), Jim Loiacano (Township Supervisor), Brandy Lupo, Dave Abbs (Treasurer), John Kaczynski

Board Members Absent: Tom Basil Jr. (Secretary), John Margaritis, Jon Howell,

Others Present: Kevin Kilby (McGraw Morris), Rob Eggers (Spicer Group), Mark Norton (Spicer Group), Tyson McKinley (DDA Director), Deputy Jordan (SCSD), Brandon Rossi (Fire Inspector)

I. Opening of Meeting

Mr. Davis opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 8:31 a.m. and welcomed the guests in the audience.

III. Approval of Agenda and Roll Call

- Moved by Loiacano, supported by Gray. Motion passes unanimously via voice vote.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment made.

V. Communication/Information

a. Scott L. Carmona College of Business Dedication – Feb. 24th 1 PM

Mr. McKinley shared that the dedication of SVSU's new Scott L. Carmona College of Business would take place on Monday, February 24th at 1 PM.

b. DDA Strategic Planning Session – April 16th

Director McKinley informed the board that in lieu of the regularly scheduled board meeting on April 16th, we will hold a strategic planning session at Standard Electric. Plan for approximately 3 hours.

VI. Reports

a. Financials

Mr. McKinley shared that he believes we are fiscally sound, but we are still waiting on a large amount of tax revenue from the Township.

b. Police Protection

Deputy Jordan shared that things are fairly normal, but there has been some credit card fraud and counterfeit bills used in the district.

VII. Consent Agenda

- a.** Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2020
- b.** Treasury Report / Payment of the Regular Bills
- c.** Next Regular DDA Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020.
- Motioned by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Loiacano. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIII. Projects and Updates

a. Non-Motorized Path Connection to Tittabawassee Township

Mr. McKinley reminded the board that the DNR Trust Fund and Iron Belle Trail Foundation grants are both still active, and we will be moving forward with the pathway project. Tittabawassee township is also moving forward with the project and are very excited about the connection.

b. Current and Upcoming Developments

Director McKinley shared that there are several projects occurring in the township in various stages of completion. Most notably, the previous Levi’s or Taboon’s building on Bay Road, south of Firehouse Subs, is purchased and has plans to be developed into a new business, eliminating long-term blight that has existed in Kochville.

IX. New Business

a. Director Serving as Election Inspector/Chairperson

Mr. McKinley had agreed with the Township Clerk that he will serve as an Election Inspector and Chairperson of the elections for the Township, and with the upcoming 2020 elections he has been asked to still fill that role. He is seeking permission to assist the township in that way.

- Motioned by Davis to approve the DDA Director to fill the role in the elections, supported by Gray. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

b. District Road Maintenance

Mr. McKinley shared that Spicer Group has provided PASER ratings on the roads in the district. Discussion ensued on the four main roads provided, and their low ratings and their need for repair. The board decided to have Kevin Kilby issue the notice of intent to issue bonds, in case the board decides to undergo this project. A decision will be made in April at the strategic planning session. Rob Eggers, Mark Norton, and Kevin Kilby all offered consultation to the board during discussion.

c. FY 2020-21 Budget Proposal

Director McKinley presented his budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. He did state that approval should include an amendment to “Contributions to Other Governments” removing \$200,000 for Road Repairs.

- Motioned to approve the budget proposal, with amendment to remove road repairs, made by Loiacano, supported by Gray.
 - Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

X. Director Comments

Mr. McKinley informed the board that the Bay Road streetlights will be fully retrofitted next week.

XI. Board Member Comments

John Kaczynski informed the board that FIRST Robotics will be increased by 30 teams and will take place in early April.

Lyle Davis asked about Sears and the mall, Director McKinley shared that there is currently no good news, but conversations are occurring.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

Minutes written by Tyson McKinley

Lyle Davis – Chairman Date

Tyson McKinley – Director Date