

**Cass City Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**  
**Minutes**  
**January 14, 2025**

The Meeting was brought to order at 2:16 pm by Chairman Dave Weiler.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christine Anthony, Eric Brown, Misty DeLong, Andrew Klco, David Weiler, and Village President Robert Piaskowski

ABSENT: Tyler Erla, Jon Ligrow, Cass City Chamber Administrator

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENT: Village Manager Debbie Powell, Clerk/Treasurer Nanette Walsh, Director of Community Development Melanie Radabaugh

**Motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024, meeting was made by Brown and supported by Anthony. Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve the December 31, 2024, Financial Report was made by Klco and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.**

No comments during Citizen Comments.

Tuscola County EDC Report: Tuscola County EDC Director Trevor Keyes resigned effective January 15, 2025, taking a position with the State of Michigan. Debbie Powell's tenure as the Chairman of the Tuscola EDC ended on December 31, 2024. Jim Tussey, Caro State Street Pharmacy, has assumed the chairmanship on January 1, 2025. Former Tuscola EDC Director Jim McLoskey was contacted to consider returning to provide continuing services. The current MSU agreement for Tuscola EDC Director services has not yet been addressed. Local support for the Tuscola EDC among local business was waning, as Keyes spent significant time recently to garner financial support.

Manager Powell detailed the services provided by the Tuscola EDC to the Village of Cass City, IFT and Tax Abatement Application Support, Business Grants, Environmental Reviews, the Tuscola Land Bank Support, and Economic Opportunities for Local Businesses. At this time, the direction of the Tuscola EDC is unknown, as well as the Greater Thumb EDCs, as Huron and Sanilac EDC are also facing staffing challenges.

**Motion to recommend to the Cass City Village Council the appointment of Gavin Frederick to the EDC Board was made by DeLong and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting: February 11, 2025

**Motion to adjourn at 2:24 pm was made by DeLong and supported by Brown. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nanette Walsh*

Clerk/Treasurer, CPFA, CMC, CPFIM, MCAT, CCMC