

**MINUTES**  
**SKOWHEGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday July 6, 2022 9:00 AM**  
**Municipal Building – Council Room**

**Members Present:**

Billy Finley  
Matt Dubois  
Jason Gayne  
Donna McGorty  
Patric Moore

**Absent:**

Cole Clement  
Reid Gibson  
Steve Gray  
Steve Govoni

**Others Present:**

Jeff Hewett, Director of Econ. & Comm. Dev.  
Renee Belliveau, Recording Secretary

**1. Call regular meeting to order.**

Matt Dubois called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

**2. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation minutes from the May 4, 2022 regular meeting and the May 24, 2022 special meeting.**

A motion was made by Jason Gayne, second by Donna McGorty to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2022 and the May 24, 2022 meetings. V-5/0, motion carried.

**3. Approve the Skowhegan Economic Development Corporation financials from May and June 2022.**

A motion was made by Donna McGorty, second by Billy Finley to approve the financials from May and June 2022. V- 5/0, motion carried.

**4. Old Business**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

**5. New Business**

**a. Update Board on loans.**

Jeff Hewett stated that everyone has made payments. Verville is a difficult one, Bill Bickford came in and made his account current and we are still chasing Victory Cabinets for the key and the remote to the awning.

Matt Dubois asked how the new tenant was working out. Jeff Hewett stated that she is good, cleaning up the storefront and we are awaiting her opening.

**b. Discussion on upgrading accountant software.**

A motion was made by Jason Gayne, second by Donna McGorty to move accounting software into QuickBooks and pay for online yearly subscription. V- 5/0, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports by Members**

Patric Moore updated the board of the Entrepreneur facility. A small business meetup was held at the Island Dairy Treat to speak about Curtis and Shannon's business journey. The meetups are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month.

Jason Gayne stated that National Night Out held at Coburn Park will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of August which will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year hosting this.

Matt Dubois stated the Dinner in the Park event will be held on the Saturday of River Fest and tickets will go on sale soon.

- a. Broadband**
- b. Natural Gas**
- c. Acquisition/Development**

Matt Dubois said Amber is working on funding for her project. Billy Finley said there will be a lot of new grants coming in September, some for automation and most for manufacturing.

- d. Marketing**
- e. Skowhegan River Park**

- f. Real Estate Sub-Committee**

### **6. Items by the Members**

Patric Moore asked if SEDC was going to do anything about the Lacasse building. Matt Dubois said that Eli had initiated something and was asked to come to the board as a proposal needs to come forward for plan.

Billy Finley asked about the PaperKlip building. Jeff Hewett stated it was not listed yet and Patric Moore said he was actually in the works to purchase it.

### **7. Economic & Community Development Office Items**

Jeff Hewett updated the board on the Genplex project. He has spoken to Duane and they are in the initial stages of speaking with other companies. There is potential for Duane to do large lines of production so he may be interested in the remaining space that is available at Northgate Industrial Park. It's not a guarantee, but he is interested. There is a grant requested from Duane to the State to fund the upgrades of equipment. By the end of this week, the new air system should be up and going.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.**

