Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, May 7, 2026– Minutes -DRAFT

Members Present: Dave Ledebuhr, Adam Carlson, Nate Ide, Joy Hazard, and Trustee Kathy Sundland
Members Absent: Adam Hodges, Anthony Alvarado, and David Fosdick
Others Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

   Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:32am and Member Hazard read the mission statement.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER IDE. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

   a. Minutes-Meeting March 5, 2026
   b. Financial Report
   c. Development Projects

   MOTION BY MEMBER IDE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER HAZARD. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

   None.

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

   None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Township Manager Recommendation to EDC Position

It was discussed the Manager now resides in the Township and would provide valuable insight on events in the Township to the EDC.

MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO APPOINT TOWNSHIP MANAGER TIMOTHY DEMPSEY AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE MERIDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SUNDLAND. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lansing 5:01 Annual Meridian Township Promotion Contribution

Director Clark stated the Lansing 5:01 website promotes Meridian Township and they have expanded connection group events to include a Meridian Township location. The EDC has supported this in the past and the $2,500 annual contribution is approved in the budget.

MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE A $2,500 CONTRIBUTION TO THE LANSING 5:01 REGIONAL COMMUNITIES MARKETING CAMPAIGN. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER IHAZARD. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

b. Redevelopment Infill Analysis and Design RFP

Director Clark shared the Redevelopment Infill Analysis and Design RFP. The purpose of the RFP is to obtain current market data on likely future development types within the Township and to translate that data into architectural design concepts. The last market study the Township conducted was in 2018. Current data would be valuable as we work to pursue development grant funding. The following specific redevelopment sites have been emphasized in the RFP:

1. 1982 W. Grand River Avenue - Meridian Mall
2. 1510-1520 Haslett Road
3. Carriage Hills PICA
4. 6475 Newton Road
5. 6365 Newton Road
6. 1522 & 1530 Haslett Road
7. 5010 Park Lake Road
8. Northwest and Southwest blocks of Hamilton and Okemos Road

Director Clark suggested the RFP budget be no more than $85,000. Once the consultant is selected, the total cost would be shared among the EDC, CIA, DDA, and MEDC. A July 16, 2026 bid opening was suggested with the final report made available in 2027.

MOTION BY MEMBER HAZARD TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE REDEVELOPMENT AND INFILL DESIGN RFP WITH BID OPENINGS SET FOR JULY 16, 2026. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER IDE. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

9. COMMUNITY REPORTS

a. Meridian Mall Updates
Director Clark mentioned the following:
- BoxLunch is under construction

- Shoe cleaning store is coming
- LensCrafters is leaving

b. MABA
Director Clark reported the MABA golf outing will take place on June 12th at Meridian Sun. The monthly MABA meeting will be held at 8:00am and tee off is at 9:00am. Hole sponsorships and golfers are still needed.

c. Township Board
Trustee Sundland stated the following:
- Approved first quarter budget amendments
- Approved new legal services proposal
- Held joint meeting with local governments and schools

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Member Ide thanked the EDC for the grant received for Ideal Mortgage façade improvements and stated the siding is complete.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 4, 2026 at 7:30am at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:08am.