MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

TIPPY DAM

August 23 - 24 - 25, 1966

Members Present: Cane, Wilson, Kavanagh, Byers, Oliver, Gerak, Farrell, Cronenwett, Moffett, Gage, Steegman, Catlin, Secor, Fischer, O'Neill, Taylor, Webb, Brewer and West.

Guests: Inkpen (proxy for Peterson), Bourke, Coates, McClelland, Hillman, Anderson and Wright.

Tuesday, August 23, 1966

No official meeting was held on Tuesday evening.

Bill Wilson gave a brief report on recent progress of development in the Upper Peninsula.

Gordon Wright reported on the goals of the EDA operation in Michigan. His talk was followed by a question and answer period, during which he explained his personal interpretation of the program.

After this, Bill Cronenwett showed us a brief, but very entertaining movie which was made somewhat prior to the Keystone Cop Era. He explained that this print was used in the training program for navy photographers in Washington.

This was followed by the motion picture "Portrait of Antarctica".

Wednesday, August 24, 1966

Meeting convened at 9:05 A.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as sent out. Financial Report showed a bank balance of $291.30.

The first item of business was the application of Don Ruffer for membership. After some discussion motion was made by Catlin, seconded by Brewer, that the application of Mr. Ruffer be tabled pending further study, motion carried.

After more discussion, motion was made by Gage, seconded by Wilson, that the Chairman appoint a three (3) man committee to review our membership admission qualifications and make a recommendation at the October meeting, motion carried.

After considerable additional discussion; even though from reading these minutes you may think that this is a logical point to terminate the topic, a motion was made by Farrell, seconded by Oliver, that we table Mr. Ruffer's application. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman now entertained a motion by the Membership Committee, seconded by Oliver, that we deny Mr. Ruffer's application based on our existing by-laws. Motion carried.

This action, of course, had no effect on the previous decision to appoint a three (3) man committee to review our membership admission qualifications.
The next item of business concerned attendance at meetings. After some discussion, motion was made by Gage, seconded by Secor, that any active member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings be dropped from membership. Before voting on this, O'Neall moved and Farrell seconded, an amendment that this action be carried out unless the Secretary is notified in writing of an anticipated absence. Motion was passed unanimously. The original motion was then passed unanimously.

It was then pointed out by your Secretary-Treasurer, that our treasury has been forced to make some expenditures due to members not attending meetings when they have indicated their intention to attend and certain arrangements have been made. It was decided that this was grossly unfair to other members, and that some action regarding this problem be taken. Therefore, a motion was made by West, seconded by O'Neill, that any member who signifies his intention of attending a meeting, and then neither attends the meeting nor notifies the Secretary in advance be billed for his prorated cost just as if he had attended. Motion passed unanimously.

Brewer reported on a recent proposal in the Federal Government to substantially broaden the field of the REA.

Farrell reported on a recent court case, which involved rezoning in Walker, a suburb of Grand Rapids. A copy of the court decision is enclosed.

Since we did not now have sufficient time to take up Mr. Moffett's Legislative Committee Report, we adjourned for lunch.

We reconvened at 8:00 P.M.

Chairman Kavanagh gave a brief report on the recent favorable Supreme Court decision on the Revenue Bond Case. It was decided that our Organization should wire appropriate leaders in the Legislature, urging passage of House Bill 2916, copy of this wire is enclosed.

Ken Henry, of the Small Business Administration, spoke on the application of the 502 Program to local development companies. His talk was followed by a question and answer period.

Meeting was turned over to George Moffett, who reported on the Legislative Committee Meeting with members of the Economic Development Committee which was held August 11, 1966. This meeting was attended by twelve (12) of our members and four (4) of the legislators. Out of this meeting came eight (8) topics which it was felt had certain merit insofar as passing legislation:

1 - Create state fund for loans to industries or to community industrial development agencies, which in turn will loan to industries.

2 - Create state fund ($1,000,000.00 ? ) to insure mortgage loans made by local banks for industrial building projects.

3 - Extend right to municipalities to acquire land and hold for industrial development.

4 - Create state fund for municipal loans to extend utilities to industrial sites.

5 - Free-Port legislation.
6 - State funds for Class A road construction.

7 - Equalize school assessments.

8 - State fund to establish industrial promotion districts.

There was considerable discussion, sometimes heated, regarding each of these items individually. It was decided that numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 held the most promise for action. Of these four (4), Items 1 and 2 require amendments to the State Constitution. It was, therefore, decided that Items 3 and 4 were the two (2) which we should work on immediately as outlined in Mr. Moffett's letter, which is enclosed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

A copy of the revised membership roster is also enclosed.

We want to express our thanks to Consumers Power Company and Horace Brewer for once again providing such excellent and relaxing meeting facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. WEST
Secretary

Enclosures (4)

August 31, 1966