

City of Evansville **Economic Development Committee**
 Regular Meeting
 Gordon Miller Woodworks, 195 S Union Street, Evansville, WI 53536
 Monday, May 19th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. 6:08 pm by Geoffrion.

2. Roll Call:

	Present/Absent	Others Present
Joe Geoffrion, Chair	P	Com. Dev. Director Colette Spranger
Kelly Shannon	P	Shawn Dunphy, Evansville Chamber of Commerce
Jon Alling	A	Gordy Miller
Paul Liesse	P	
Brandon Rutz	P	
Pat Carr	P	
Sue Berg	P	

3. Motion to Approve Agenda as printed. Motion by Geoffrion, seconded by Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the ~~March 17th, 2025 and April 21st, 2025~~ meetings and approve as printed. No March minutes because no one took notes. Spranger will see if there was a recording. Motion by Geoffrion, seconded by Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Civility Reminder

6. Citizen appearances, other than listed agenda items

Gordy Miller gave a tour of his workshop and renovated living quarters on the second floor. “I build stuff,” he said. He would like to expand offerings for classes and apprenticeships, but insurance coverage has been an issue.

7. New Business

A. Discussion and Planning for Building Visits

Spranger dispersed visit assignments and said that she would follow up to schedule.

8. Closed session: Motion that the Economic Development Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Upon completion, the Economic Development Committee will reconvene in open session. Motion by Geoffrion, seconded by Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Old Business. Brief discussion on Building Improvement Grant, affirming a prioritization for non-maintenance projects and extending the deadline to August 1st, 2025.

10. Monthly Reports

A. Community Development Update. Spranger summarized recent and ongoing activities, including an update about permitting post hailstorm, the upcoming historic preservation meeting, and a visit from Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez.

B. Chamber Update. Dunphy provided updates about business happenings and recent and upcoming community events, the Chamber's upcoming spring mixer. She also promoted the chamber's annual golf outing.

C. Tourism Update.

Sue Berg encourage visitors to the tourism commission meetings, the next of which is on June 12th at Creekside Place. Mural #3 is in progress and debuted at the Evansville Art Crawl to the delight of many.

11. Discussion

12. Next Meeting Dates:

A. Regular Meeting: Monday, May 19th, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

13. Adjourn.