

**ADA TOWNSHIP
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting of the DDA Board was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Bob Kullgren.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Bowersox, George Haga, Jim Ippel, Tom Korth, Bob Kullgren, Devin Norman, Betsy Ratzsch, Ted Wright

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Walt VanderWulp

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Burton, Township Clerk, Jim Ferro, Planning Director

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jamie Ladd

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consent.

DISCUSSION OF DDA ROLE, POSITION AND STRATEGY/TACTICS REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2011 M-21 BRIDGE CLOSURE

The Board discussed possible involvement on behalf of the business community in the DDA district, which includes land on both sides of the M-21 bridge, with respect to the possible 2011 closure of the M-21 bridge, being discussed by MDOT.

The consensus of the Board was that the DDA should play an active role on behalf of the business community, in advocating a bridge replacement method that does not require complete closure of the bridge.

Ferro distributed a draft of a possible written survey of area businesses regarding the likely impact of a bridge closure on their businesses, and requested Board input on the survey.

Wright commented that the survey should ask for information regarding number of lost jobs likely to result from the closure.

The Board requested Ferro to obtain information regarding possible consultants who could assist in conducting an economic impact analysis, possible schedule and costs. It was suggested that GVSU be contacted as a possible source of expertise.

BOARD COMMENT

The Board discussed the outcome of the Township Board budget work session. Haga reported that the Township Board public hearing on the proposed budget is on March 8.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Bowersox, seconded by Norman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Korth, Secretary