



GLADSTONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) REGULAR MEETING

Electric Department Conference Room
10 North 11th Street
February 10, 2026
12:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

EDC Chair, Steven Tackman, called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM ET.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gary Maynard	Dirk Manson
Jim Andersen	Steve O'Driscoll
Kevin Gendron	
Michael Nardi	
Steve DeLaire	
Steve Soderman	
Steven Tackman	

Others in Attendance: Ed LeGault, Patricia West & Rob Spreitzer

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

FINANCES

2. December 2025 Revenue & Expenditure Report

West provided an overview of the December 2025 Revenue & Expenditure Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. EDC Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2026

Motion made by Nardi, Seconded by Maynard to approve the consent agenda with a correction to the January 13, 2026 meeting minutes noting that Dirk Manson was not in attendance.

Voting Yea: Maynard, Andersen, Gendron, Nardi, DeLaire, Soderman, Tackman

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. 2026-2027 Proposed EDC Budget

Motion made by Andersen, seconded by Gendron to recommend the proposed Economic Development Corporation budget to the City Commission for approval.

Voting Yea: Maynard, Andersen, Gendron, Nardi, DeLaire, Soderman, Tackman

MOTION CARRIED.

5. WPPI Discussion & Updates

Brett Niemi, Senior Energy Services Manager at WPPI Energy, provided an overview of the pros and cons of data centers and crypto-mining. He also presented information on the Efficiency United rebate program.

No action was taken by the Board following the discussion.

CITY STAFF UPDATES

6. Downtown Action Plan

West provided an overview of the recently adopted Downtown Action Plan.

7. Feedback on Sign Ordinance

West shared that the Planning Commission is seeking feedback on potential updates to the sign ordinance. She plans to solicit input from the EDC regarding how the proposed changes may impact economic development.

8. Planning Commission Annual Report

West provided an update on the Planning Commission's 2025 Annual Report, highlighting the volume of permit reviews and development activity that occurred throughout the year.

9. Small Business Support HUB Workshop | Creating Projections to Apply for a Bank Loan

A professional development opportunity titled Creating Projections for a Bank Loan was shared with the EDC.

DELTA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REPORT

Ed LeGault provided an update on the recent Taskforce Meeting at which the City of Gladstone presented. He also shared an update on the status of renewable energy legislation and its potential impacts on manufacturing in the Upper Peninsula.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Nardi, seconded by Gendron to adjourn at 1:17 PM.

Voting Yea: Maynard, Andersen, Gendron, Nardi, DeLaire, Soderman, Tackman