



Newaygo County

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

MINUTES

November 20, 2025

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg
MEMBERS ABSENT	Jason Finch, Todd Blake, Jason O'Connell
OTHERS PRESENT	Christopher Wren, Administrator Sandi Christoffersen, Deputy Administrator Andrea Ryswick, EGLE
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Mark Guzniczak called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	25-043 BAB
Motion by Lola Harmon-Ramsey, second by Kasey Jernbeg, to approve the November 20, 2025, agenda. Ayes – Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg. Nays – None. Absent – Jason Finch, Jason O'Connell, Todd Blake. Motion carried.	
MINUTES - MOTION NUMBER	25-044 BAB
Motion by Lindsay Hager, second by Lola Harmon-Ramsey, to approve the regular meeting minutes dated September 18, 2025. Ayes – Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg. Nays – None. Absent – Jason Finch, Jason O'Connell, Todd Blake. Motion carried.	
FINANCIAL REPORT – CHRISTOPHER WREN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	
No changes to the financial report at this time. Limiting requests to Fishbeck at this time but will request their services as needed.	
OLD BUSINESS:	700 N. Weaver Street Project
No updates at this time. Per Lola Harmon-Ramsey, one lot has been sold.	
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY UPDATE: Andrea Ryswick	
October 1 is the start of the fiscal year for ELGE. ELGE is looking for projects, as usual. Grant and loan funding is available as well, probably similar amounts as last year. New legislation is needed to change statutes for EGLE Brownfield project parameters. The \$1 million cap may be evaluated – a cap of \$2 million would be more beneficial, given increased costs. Ideally the cap could be raised to \$2 million, but only if the project indicates a need for additional funds. Removing the limit of 1 project per local government per year would be beneficial as well. No projects for Newaygo County lately. The last project was for Everett Township. Julie Burrell has been in contact with Andrea regarding a couple projects in the County.	
PUBLIC COMMENT:	None.
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Lindsay Hager stated the Fremont Area Community Foundation has another grant for housing. This application round is open through January 5 th . \$30k per unit. A change to this round is that housing must be permanently affixed to the property. Funding is limited to \$150,000 per project.	

Lindsay Hager questioned the number of units for the Highbanks project, given the lower income requirement. Per Administrator Wren and Chairman Guzniczak, this issue was examined and was determined not to be a problem, as the number of low income units is determined as a percentage of the total number of units.

Lola Harmon-Ramsey stated the City of Fremont has completed their portion of work for the Hillcrest property. This is the 12 unit development by Alan Edwin.

Administrator Wren stated he has been contacted by the Everett Township Supervisor. The township is exploring the idea of a Brownfield TIF for 6 homes. Andrea mentioned she is aware of this project.

Administrator Wren stated Julie Burrell has resigned her position of Senior Economic Development Director at The Right Place. Her last day will be December 9th.

NEXT MEETING

The next Brownfield Authority Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Newaygo County Administration Multi-Purpose Room, directly across from the County Clerk's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

25-045 BAB

Motion by Lola Harmon-Ramsey, second by Kasey Jernberg, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m. Ayes – Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg. Nays – None. Absent – Jason Finch, Jason O'Connell, Todd Blake. Motion carried.

RECORDING SECRETARY CERTIFICATION

Sandi Christoffersen, Deputy Administrator 11/20/2025