



Newaygo County

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

MINUTES

March 19, 2026

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg, Jason O'Connell, April Storms
OTHERS PRESENT	Christopher Wren, Administrator Debra Berger, Clerical Sandi Christoffersen, Deputy County Administrator Mark Kraus, Economic Development Director
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Mark Guzniczak called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	26-008 BAB Motion by Jason Finch, second by Lola Harmon-Ramsey, to approve the March 19, 2026, agenda. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg, Jason O'Connell, April Storms Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.
MINUTES - MOTION NUMBER	26-009 BAB Motion by Todd Blake, second by Kasey Jernberg, to approve the regular meeting minutes dated January 15, 2026. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg, Jason O'Connell, April Storms Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORT – CHRISTOPHER WREN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	26-010 BAB Administrator Wren reported that there have been no changes to the BAB Financials since the January meeting. Motion by Todd Blake, second by April Storms, to receive the financial report on file. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg, Jason O'Connell, April Storms Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:	700 N. Weaver Site – City of Fremont. Discussion: • The City of Fremont has been in correspondence with Allen Edwin Homes over the last two months. They have been told by Allen Edwin Homes that their plan is to have the Reimbursement Agreement with the County ready by Spring of 2026, but as of last week, the City has not heard anything else from them. • Allen Edwin Homes has not signed the City of Fremont's purchase option to reduce the project to two projects at a time, spaced over six-month intervals. The City expects them to break ground this spring; if they do not, the City may be forced to seek a different developer.
RIGHT PLACE UPDATE	Economic Development Director, Mark Kraus Administrator Wren introduced Economic Development Director Mark Kraus to the BAB. Mark is a Hesperia native; he comes from a small business background and has spent the last 12 years with True North.

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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Jason O’Connell: The Treasurer’s Office is currently settling with the local units. They predict that this spring will be an expensive delinquent tax payoff.

Kasey Jernberg: The City of Grant is starting their sewer construction project. This will be a major upgrade to its wastewater system.

April Storms: The City of White Cloud has ongoing development initiatives within the City. The City has initiated the Smith Park reconstruction project. Additionally, the City recently closed on the sale of two Lakeview properties, which will allow for the placement of two tiny homes on previously vacant, tax-foreclosed parcels. The City also completed a 10-acre property exchange on Lester Street with White Cloud Public Schools. The agreement allows the school district to invest in and enhance existing baseball field facilities, while the City acquires a 10-acre vacant parcel for future use.

Lindsay Hager: The Fremont Area Community Foundation is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year and has several gifts they plan to give to the community. They’ve had a very busy grant round this season.

Lola Harmon Ramsey: Commented on the housing projects the Fremont Area Community Foundation has been supporting this season.

NEXT MEETING

The next Brownfield Authority Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Newaygo County Administration Multi-Purpose Room, directly across from the County Clerk’s Office.

ADJOURNMENT	26-011 BAB
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There being no further business to come before the Brownfield Authority Board, a motion by Todd Blake, second by Jason Finch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m. Ayes – Todd Blake, Jason Finch, Mark Guzniczak, Lindsay Hager, Lola Harmon-Ramsey, Kasey Jernberg, Jason O’Connell, April Storms Nays – None. Absent – None Motion carried.

RECORDING SECRETARY CERTIFICATION	Debra L. Berger, Newaygo County Administration Office Manager
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