

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Board
January 16, 2026 | 7:30 AM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Les Anderseon called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 7:35 am.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Tobin Fekkes, Lacey Winslow, Les Anderson, Teresas LaFleur (online), Camrie Ingram, David Pelletier, Kristine Birkenkopf

Staff Present: Aaron Weinberg, Niki Strachila, Audrey Rotrock

3. Public Comments

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes 10/17/2025

The minutes of the October 17, 2025 Economic Development Board were approved unanimously.

5. Election of Officers

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David Pelletier volunteered to be the Board Chair. Les Anderson made a motion to approve, Tobin Fekkes seconded. All were in favor.

Teresa Lefluer volunteered to be the Board Vice Chair. Lacey Winslow made a motion to approve, Tobin Fekkes seconded. All were in favor.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

a. New Member Introduction

Tobin Fekkes and Lacey Winslow, the newest Board members, gave brief introductions of themselves.

b. Goals & Priorities Discussion

The Board was asked to list the strengths and challenges of the City of Stanwood below. Staff will use this information to guide future EDB meetings.

Strengths:

Small town / historic charm

A strong downtown (eclectic, small shops, good food)

Rural nature

People & community

The City is growing, but there is still a feeling of connection

Access to activities (water/Hamilton Landing, nature, etc.)

No urban sprawl

Train station

Events

Challenges:

Need more family wage jobs

Capture more Camano residents passing through town

Missing a hotel/lodging

People have to leave town to go to bigger box stores

Need more affordable housing

No Performing Arts center

Nowhere to buy locally grown food (a co-op type)

Floodplain challenges

Connect the east & west ends of downtown

Main Street is not attractive between the two ends of downtown

c. Twin City Mile Update

Consider making turns off of 270th Street onto 102nd Ave right turn only.

The Board also suggested making the overhead lights on the west end brighter.

d. Art Project Updates

The Board approves of all the art projects.

e. Business Climate Survey Results

Foot traffic in the winter is a challenge. Adding more lighting may help with this.

f. Business Licenses: July - December, 2025

No comments

g. Year-In-Review

No comments

8. Board Member Comments

9. Adjourn

City of Stanwood

Attest:

Sid Roberts, Mayor

Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk