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To whom it may concern:

On June 6, 2016 the Village of Farwell passed Ordinance No. 2016-2 to create a Downtown Development Authority to be called the “Farwell Downtown Development Authority” to assist in overseeing the Downtown Development District that is within the Village of Farwell.

The taxing authority is traditionally funded through captured taxes, and up until recently, the authority failed to capture taxes. However, taxable values have changed which has allowed the authority to capture revenues to be used by the authority.

The goal of the DDA is to improve the downtown area through a multitude of opportunities such as streetscape improvements, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, wayfinding, park improvement, marketing, utility improvements, and more. To complete these goals, the authority needs to have dedicated members that feel they can serve the interests of the Village residents to improve this downtown area.

The Village of Farwell is seeking candidates who would be interested in serving on this authority. The authority consists of eight members and the Chief Executive Officer, which is Village President Tracey Jackson. Five members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district. Once appointed, the members will be appointed to either a one, two, three, or four-year term to stagger the terms. Thereafter, each member shall serve a term of four years. All appointments to fill vacancies shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer subject to the approval of Council.

All appointed members serve on the board without compensation and the authority meets on a quarterly basis. A tentative schedule for the board to meet is the second Thursday of January, April, July and October at 5:00pm.

If you are interested in serving on the authority please reach out as soon as possible to the Village for more information. Any questions should be directed to the Village of Farwell Office during regular business hours. The Office is located at 109 South Hall Street, Farwell, MI 48622 and is opened Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00pm. The office may also be reached at 989-588-9926 during these hours.

Sincerely,

The Village of Farwell Council