



REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2017 - Oceana County

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairperson James Rynberg.

II. ROLL CALL QUORUM: Yes

Commissioners Present:

Mason County - Michael Krauch, Charles Lange, Wally Taranko

Muskegon County - Kay Beecham, Susie Hughes, David Kieft, Bonnie McGlothin,
Byron Turnquist, Rillastine Wilkins

Newaygo County - James Rynberg

Oceana County - James Brown, Dean Gustafson

WMSRDC Appointees - Joe Lenius, Chris McGuigan, Ron Steiner

Muskegon Community College - Dale Nesbary

West Shore Community College - Crystal Young

Commissioners Absent:

Lake County – Howard Lodholtz

Muskegon County – Ben Cross

Newaygo County – James Maike, Chris Ortwein

Staff/Guests Present:

Erin Kuhn, Christia Seals, Jamie Way, Robert Sobie

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and supported by Commissioner Wilkins to approve the agenda for the July 10, 2017 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner McGuigan and supported by Commissioner Nesbary to approve the May 15, 2017 Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taranko and supported by Commissioner Lange to approve the June 19, 2017 Executive Officers' minutes. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no comments.

VI. HOST (Oceana County) – James Brown, Dean Gustafson, and Robert Sobie welcomed everyone to Hart and Oceana County.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rynberg informed all that Fremont is having the Baby Food Festival, which is centered on families, is next week.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WMSRDC has been approached by the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition (which works throughout West Michigan promoting trails and greenways), along with the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council out of Holland, the Grand Valley Met Council out of Grand Rapids and the Michigan Dept. of Transportation to look at wayfinding for our trails and bike paths. This plan would provide an inventory of current signage and a recommendation for future wayfinding signage including mile markers, trailhead signs, and directional signs for local attractions, along with suggested sign design standards. WMSRDC is currently working with MDOT for funding and the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance for a possible match for this project.

Economic Development – The next CEDS meeting will be August 4, in Mason County. WMSRDC can send more detailed information if you are interested in attending. Also, going forward, WMSRDC is hoping to have the members of the CEDS committee vetted through the WMSRDC board, as well as putting a term limit of three years per member.

Environmental Program – WMSRDC received word that we are finalists for three grant applications: the Invasive Species Hemlock Woolly Adelgid for \$600,000, the Muskegon Lake Urban Waters Green Infrastructure project for Phase II of the Carpenter Brother's lot green infrastructure project for \$499,999, and the Habitat Focus Area for Continued sampling and monitoring project for \$586,946. Phase II of the Wet Michigan Watershed Collaborative meeting was well attended.

Homeland Security Program – The BSIR reports have been submitted to MSP.

Local Government Services – Newaygo County Recreation plan is being updated by Stephen Carlson. Jamie Way, our GIS planner, went to our IMAGIN conference, where she entered a map in a contest and won the People's Choice Award.

Work continues on the Governor's 21st Century Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot project. This is a pilot program that is built around our area and then will be scaled to the State.

WMSRDC has completed the Port of Muskegon Deconstruction Economic Feasibility Study.

IX. FEDERAL PROJECT REVIEW SYSTEM - INFORMATION

There were two (2) FPRS application processed, 2017-04 and 2017-05

X. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

There was no update to the Regional Planning Commission Collaboration as Dave Bee is on vacation and unable to attend the meeting.

XI. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Christia Seals, Finance Manager, gave an overview of the following attachments.

- A. Preliminary WMSRDC Monthly Financial Reports - (Attachment XI-A)*
- B. Preliminary HSGP Monthly Financial Reports - (Attachment XI-B)*
- C. Preliminary WMSRDC Schedule of Accounts Receivable – (Attachment XI-C)
- D. Preliminary HSGP Schedule of Accounts Payable – (Attachment XI-D)
- E. Cash Disbursements – (Attachment XI-E)

*Approval of the WMSRDC Financial Statements and Homeland Security Financial statements were moved to the September 2017 meeting as June 2017 statements were preliminary.

XII. PROGRAM REPORT – Jamie Way, GIS Specialist

XIII. NEW BUSINESS - There were no items of new business.

XIV. ROUND TABLE

- Dale Nesbary discussed the Newaygo Promise. Students are eligible to attend MCC with a 2.5 GPA.
- Michael Krauch discussed the City of Ludington's Friday night events and the upcoming County Fairs.
- Ron Steiner noted the new Food Processing Certificate is being offered at MCC (Food Science Certificate)
- Byron Turnquist mentioned the City of Muskegon's First Friday's event, the soft opening of MCC's Downtown Muskegon Campus on August 28.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT-WMSRDC PROGRAMS** - There were no public comments.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Taranko and supported by Commissioner McGlothlin to adjourn at 11:11 AM. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2017 – Muskegon County


James Rynberg, Chairperson

9-18-17
Date


Erin Kuhn, Executive Director

9-18-17
Date