



WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**REGIONAL BOARD MEETING**

January 22, 2018 - Muskegon 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** - Charles Lange, Wally Taranko

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

**Newaygo County** - James Maike, James Rynberg

**Oceana County** – James Brown, Dean Gustafson

**WMSRDC Appointees** – Joe Lenius, Chris McGuigan

**Muskegon Community College** - Dale Nesbary

**West Shore Community College** - Crystal Young

Commissioners Absent:

**Lake County** - Howard Lodholtz

**Mason County** - Michael Krauch

**Muskegon County** - Ben Cross, Susie Hughes

**Newaygo County** - Chris Ortwein

**WMSRDC Appointees** – Ron Steiner

Staff/Guests Present:

Erin Kuhn, Christia Seals, Syndi Copeland, Kathy Evans and Dave Bee

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kieft and supported by Commissioner Taranko to approve the agenda for the January 22, 2017 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Nesbary and supported by Commissioner Maike to approve the November 20, 2017 Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The Officer's minutes are attached for information only.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no comments.

**VI. HOST (Muskegon County)**

Commissioner Wilkins would like to welcome all to Muskegon County where, as you know, wonderful things are happening. Commissioner Rynberg asked Commissioner Wilkins to comment on an award she received – Martin Luther King award for services she provided throughout the years.

**VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** - There was nothing to report at this time.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

West Michigan Pike development is going well. This is the historic corridor recently named a Pure Michigan Byway which runs along US-31 from the Indiana border to Ludington. Joel Fitzpatrick has been working with West Michigan Beachtowns Group to develop the corridor management plan, as well as holding public input meetings in each of the counties.

The ribbon cutting for the downtown Muskegon Community College campus was last week. Janette Tamayo from EDA Chicago Regional Office came to speak. This was a great highlight to our partnership with EDA.

Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot Project – The data gathering period of the Pilot is done. Erin passed out a synopsis of all that had been accomplished, along with a map of the communities within the pilot region that have participated. The next step is a Utility Summit to bring private utility companies together with some targeted communities. Topics will include better coordination of public/private utility projects for cost and time savings.

The MDOT non-motorized trail maps are available for people to take with them today. If people would like more, we have plenty.

## **IX. FEDERAL PROJECT REVIEW SYSTEM - INFORMATION**

There was one (1) FPRS applications processed - 2018-02

## **X. STAFF PRESENTATION**

Erin Kuhn and Kathy Evans, West MI Watershed Funding Strategy

## **XI. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION COLLABORATIVE EFFORT**

Dave Bee stated that his board met on Friday. He reported on projects they have completed in the past couple of months. Region 8 Notes mentioned the goals of the Regional Planning Commission. Steve Bolthuis (Macatawa Coordinating Council) and Dave are working together on the Strategic Plan for the Regional Prosperity Initiative. Michigan Association of Planning (MAP) Conference will be in Grand Rapids in September at the Amway. Dave is on a committee to help plan the conference. The audit report for the Regional Planning Commission was finished and clean.

## **XII. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –**

MERS contribution by employees at 6% began January 1, 2018. A preliminary financial report was given to each Commissioner.

## **XIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS –**

Commissioner Lenius nominated and Commissioner Maiké supported the nomination of Commissioner Rynberg as Chairperson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lenius nominated and Commissioner Maiké supported the nomination of Commissioner Taranko as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lenius nominated and Commissioner Maiké supported the nomination of Commissioner McGlothlin as Secretary. Motion carried.

## **XIV. NEW BUSINESS –** Erin thanked Commissioner Kieft for his service on the board. He has accepted the Administrator position in Manistee County.

**XV. ROUND TABLE**

Crystal Young stated that West Shore Community College accepted Scott Ward as the new president. WSCC just purchased a new building to use as a Public Safety Building for training.


The Muskegon Community College downtown campus open house was fantastic. About 500 people came. The presentation lasted 1.5 – 2 hours. Programs were all up and running to show people processes – there was so much excitement. This brings much more business and activity for downtown Muskegon.

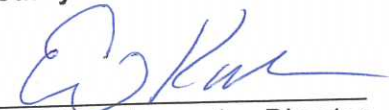
**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT-WMSRDC PROGRAMS** - There were no public comments.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kieft and supported by Commissioner Nesbary to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2018 – Mason County**

  
James Rynberg, Chairperson  
3/19/18  
Date

  
Erin Kuhn, Executive Director  
3/19/18  
Date