

**WMSRDC**  
WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**REGIONAL BOARD MEETING**

November 20, 2017 - Newaygo County

- FINAL -

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairperson James Rynberg.

**II. ROLL CALL QUORUM: Yes**

Commissioners Present:

**Lake County** - Howard Lodholtz

**Mason County** - Charles Lange, Wally Taranko

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

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

**Oceana County** - Dean Gustafson

**WMSRDC Appointees** – Chris McGuigan, Ron Steiner

Commissioners Absent:

**Mason County** - Michael Krauch

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

**Newaygo County** - Chris Ortwein

**Oceana County** - James Brown

**WMSRDC Appointees** – Joe Lenius

**Muskegon Community College** - Dale Nesbary

**West Shore Community College** - Crystal Young

Staff/Guests Present:

Erin Kuhn, Christia Seals, Syndi Copeland, Stephen Carlson and Dave Bee

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilkins and supported by Commissioner Maike to approve the agenda for the November 20, 2017 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Taranko and supported by Commissioner McGuigan to approve the September 18, 2017 Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner McGlothin and supported by Commissioner Lodholtz to approve the October 16, 2017 Executive Officers' minutes. Motion carried.

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

**VI. HOST (Newaygo County)** – Commissioner Rynberg welcomed all to the City of Fremont and the City Hall. Commissioner Rynberg gave a history of City Hall in Fremont and talked briefly about the Public Art program in Fremont.

**VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Executive Director's FY 2018 Goals - Information

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

Transportation – West Michigan Pike Corridor Management Plan is well under way. Joel Fitzpatrick is leading this project and is working quickly through the plan development. There is positive feedback from the Michigan Beach Towns group. We received a second year of funding from MDOT in the amount of \$10,000 to go toward this project.

Environmental – Work on three of the four new grants is underway. The fourth starts in January 2018.

Homeland Security – The FY17 grant agreement has come in at \$1.3M which is slightly less than the FY16 grant. County allocations in the agreement will be presented at the upcoming Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board meeting.

Other Activities – The State Port Advisory Committee met in Sault Ste. Marie and toured the Soo Locks in September. The next meeting is December 13, 2017 at the Port of Monroe.

The West Michigan Prosperity Alliance is seeking \$250,000 for another year of funding under this program.

The Governors 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Commission is in the data collecting phase throughout Region 4 and Region 10. We have 71 communities in Region 4 who have expressed interest in participating in the pilot and 52 communities in Region 10. This is a much larger participation rate than expected. Erin took a moment to show a video that the consultant, KPMG, put together to show the pilot program in simplistic form. She encouraged all to share this with their communities or anyone who may have questions. The deadline for communities to submit their data is December 1, 2017. WMSRDC has until the end of December to submit this to the State. The final report will be completed for the Governor by April 2018.

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

There were three (3) FPRS applications processed, 2017-12 thru 2017-13 and 2018-01

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

Dave Bee – CEDS has been updated and approved by the CEDS committee and board. Four communities applied for EDA grants; only one will receive a grant. Rural Task Force support continues – this covers six of seven counties. Transportation Asset Management – all roads have been collected. Two master plans are being updated currently – the City of Big Rapids and a small, rural town in Montcalm County. One Byway Study has been completed.

**XI. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – Christia Seals, Finance Manager, stated that the statements in the packet are preliminary and will not be final until completion of the audit. We will vote on the finalized financials at our January 22, 2018 meeting.

**XII. STAFF PRESENTATION** – Stephen Carlson, CEDS Update

Stephen presented the newly updated CEDS for 2018-2022. Motion was made by Commissioner Lodholtz and supported by Commissioner Maiké to accept the CEDS Update. Motion carried.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS** - There were no items of new business.

## **XV. ROUND TABLE**

Byron Turnquist mentioned the Lakeshore Chamber gave an “Agent of Change” award to Dale Nesbary for the top rated community college in the state. Ron Steiner shared that Muskegon Community College is providing a Food Science Certificate for food processing. Dale and Ron will begin a satellite program at the Incubator by next fall. Another “Agent of Change” award was given to the Muskegon City Clerk, Anne, for the chalets in downtown Muskegon.

Muskegon Chronicle mentioned all of the investing in downtown Muskegon.

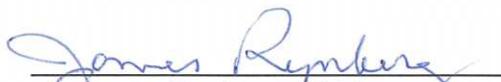
James Maike stated that the City of Fremont voted to re-elect Mayor Rynberg.

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

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Gustafson and supported by Commissioner Lodholtz to adjourn at 11:07 AM. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2018 – Muskegon County**

  
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James Rynberg, Chairperson  
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