

WMSRDC
WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2018 - Lake 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:

Lake County: Howard Lodholtz

Mason County: Michael Krauch, Charles Lange, Wally Taranko

Muskegon County: Kay Beecham, Jennifer Hernandez, Susie Hughes
Byron Turnquist, Rillastine Wilkins

Newaygo County: James Rynberg

WMSRDC Appointees – Joe Lenius, Ron Steiner

Muskegon Community College - Dale Nesbary

Commissioners Absent:

Muskegon County: Ben Cross, Bonnie McGlothin

Newaygo County – James Maike, Chris Ortwein,

Oceana County – James Brown, Dean Gustafson

WMSRDC Appointees – Chris McGuigan

West Shore Community College - Crystal Young

Staff/Guests Present:

Erin Kuhn, Christia Seals, Jamie Way, and Dave Bee

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Taranko and supported by Commissioner Lodholtz to approve the agenda for the May 21, 2018 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Taranko and supported by Commissioner Lenius to approve the March 19, 2018 Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The February 26, 2018 Officer's minutes are attached for information only.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no comments.

VI. HOST (Lake County)

Commissioner Lodholtz mentioned the Blessing of the Bikes as well as the Brown Trout Statue.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There was no report.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transportation – The Unified Work Program was recently approved by our Transportation Policy Committee. This will now be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for final approval.

Erin noted that the Commission's Cost Allocation Plan was submitted to the Department of the Interior for approval of our FY 2019 indirect cost rate.

Environmental – WMSRDC is applying for more tree planting grants through the Delta Institute in Chicago. We have two tree planting projects currently underway; as a subcontractor with the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, and one with the U.S. Forest Service. So far, trees have been planted on public property; however, the next grant will focus on planting trees within the urban centers of smaller communities.

Homeland Security – The FY 2017 grant has opened, and the FY 2015 will be closing in about one week.

The 21st Century Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot Project is completed. There was an "end of the Pilot" press conference and a luncheon with the Governor. There was considerable participation in this project from the communities within our region, and it was considered to be highly successful.

The Transportation Asset Management Conference in Traverse City begins tomorrow. WMSRDC, Grand Valley Metro Council, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and the Governor's office will be giving a presentation at the conference. After lunch, each of the four agencies will be receiving an award.

Erin met with U.S Representative Bill Huizenga and staff to talk about things that are happening within our Region. Topics such as broadband, the pilot project and asset management were discussed.

The July 16, 2018 board meeting has been changed to July 17, 2018 in Grand Rapids at Fifth Third Ballpark. WMSRDC Board will meet at 11:00 AM and go directly to the lunch meeting at noon.

Erin went over the recommendations for changes to the Bylaws. These recommendations were tabled to make one more change. The final approval will take place at the next board meeting.

IX. FEDERAL PROJECT REVIEW SYSTEM - INFORMATION

There were seven (7) FPRS applications processed - 2018-04 to 2018-10

X. STAFF PRESENTATION – Jamie Way, GIS Specialist - INFORMATION

XI. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Dave Bee commented on their CEDS committee meeting. Dave stated that he visits all of his communities during the summer. Two EDA projects are going through the process of acceptance.

XII. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –

Erin presented the financial statements for WMSRDC and HSGP through April 2018. Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and supported by Commissioner Steiner to accept the April 2018 WMSRDC and HSGP Financial Statements. Motion carried.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS –

There was no new business.

XIV. ROUND TABLE

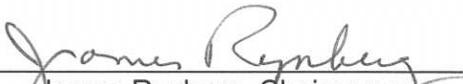
- Michael Krauch – June 9th is Ludington’s attempt to set another world record. This year’s attempt will be the longest continuing bicycles in motion. Michael also gave an update on the regional trails subcommittee work.
- Byron Turnquist – Invited all to the Cole’s 75th Anniversary at Heritage Landing in May and Taste of Muskegon on June 15-16.
- Jennifer Hernandez - Announced the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail on July 20.

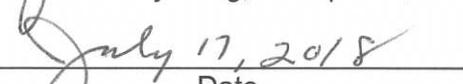
XV. PUBLIC COMMENT-WMSRDC PROGRAMS - There were no public comments.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and supported by Commissioner Steiner to adjourn at 11:12 AM. Motion carried.

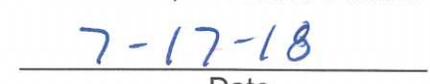
NEXT MEETING: July 17, 2018 – Fifth Third Ballpark – 11:00 AM



James Rynberg, Chairperson


Date



Erin Kuhn, Executive Director


Date