

(Attachment III)

WMSRDC
WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

November 19, 2018 – Newaygo County

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 10:00 AM by Chairperson James Rynberg

II. **ROLL CALL QUORUM: Yes**

Commissioners Present:

Mason County: Charles Lange, Wally Taranko

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

Newaygo County: James Maike, Chris Ortwein, James Rynberg

WMSRDC Appointees: Andrea Large, Chris McGuigan, Ron Steiner

West Shore Community College: Crystal Young

Commissioners Absent:

Lake County: Howard Lodholtz

Mason County: Joe Lenius

Muskegon County: Ben Cross, Bonnie McGlothlin

Oceana County: James Brown, Dean Gustafson

Muskegon Community College: Dale Nesbary

Staff/Guests Present: Erin Kuhn, Christia Seals, Syndi Copeland, Joel Fitzpatrick

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Maike and supported by Commissioner Young to approve the agenda for the November 19, 2018 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and supported by Commissioner Lange to approve the September 17, 2018 Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The October 15, 2018 Officer's meeting minutes are attached for information only.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

VI. **HOST (Newaygo County)**

Welcome by Commissioner Rynberg.

VII. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Commissioner Rynberg commented on the Public Art Program in Fremont. He invited all to join a tour after today's meeting to the 17th art piece placed in the City of Fremont. He also stated that there is a groundbreaking on Wednesday for six new townhouses in the City of Fremont.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Erin stated that Joel Fitzpatrick will be presenting later in the meeting on the Regional and Rural Transportation Programs.

Environmental program – The Zephyr Cleanup project, through a partnership with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, spent \$16M cleaning the Zephyr oil field in Muskegon Township. There was a nice event celebrating this cleanup where Kathy Evans was the MC, and now WMSRDC has received a \$7M grant for additional work in the river flats below the and adjacent to the Zyphyr cleanup project. Also, last week there was a tour of the Bear Creek Watershed project. Property owners donated a portion of their property to create a wetland for this project.

Veterans Memorial Park Project is just about completed. There is some money left that can be used through FY19 for post restoration repairs following the winter season. The sidewalks have been raised. An aqua dam was placed to draw down water for final repairs and has now been removed. The approaches to the sidewalks have been leveled and hydro seeded. Most of the work is done until the spring.

Homeland Security-WMSRDC is currently transitioning out of the role of Fiduciary for Region 6. WMSRDC will remain Fiduciary through May 2019; however we're working with the Region 6 Board to walk them through all of the responsibilities. Two bids for new Fiduciary were received by Region 6, and interviews will take place in December.

Local Govt Services – WMSRDC / Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) hosted a meeting with representation from almost every county. Every several years they do aerial photography with GIS mapping. They then offer to sell the imaging to local governments. What DTMB would like to do is create an exchange program with local governments where they will give the aerials imagery to the communities in exchange for getting that community's parcel data. Almost every county was present, and the communities have until January or February to contract with the State to get the aerials that will be flown in the spring.

Other Activities – The FY19 RPI grant application has been submitted. Awards are expected to be announced in. Today the RPI will determine what projects will receive money from the RPI vote on October 10.

The Michigan Infrastructure Council has been meeting monthly in Lansing. Bylaws have been passed; meeting schedules set; identifying goals and objectives; and several subcommittees have been created. Erin is participating on several subcommittees.

The FY18 WMSRDC audit is currently underway.

IX. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION COLLABOREATIVE EFFORT

A. West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Report - None

X. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. WMSRDC PRELIMINARY Monthly Financial Reports - (Attachment X-A)

B. HSGP PRELIMINARY Monthly Financial Reports – (Attachment X-B)

C. WMSRDC Schedule of Accounts Receivable - (Attachment X-C)

D. HSGP Schedule of Accounts Payable – (Attachment X-D)

E. Cash Disbursements – (Attachment X-E)

XI. STAFF PRESENTATION

Joel Fitzpatrick, Regional/Rural Transportation Update

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was a conversation regarding the introduction of Senate Bill 396. This Bill has the potential to greatly impact the condition and quality of our Michigan roads.

XIII. ROUND TABLE

Chris Ortwein noted that this was his last meeting. Commissioner Rynberg thanked him for his service on the board.

Chris McGuigan will be retiring from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County at the end of December. Todd Jacobs is the new Executive director and may consider serving on the WMSRDC Board.

Congratulations to all of our Commissioners who were voted in again in November.

Commissioner Rynberg elaborated on the townhouses which will be constructed in Fremont. The hope is that there will be three sections of three townhouses. A new Meijer store will be opened in Fremont before Memorial Day.

There was a discussion about the difficulties of affordable housing and the loss of so many young people in the trades back in the 2008 recession.

Ludington is in a building boom – firehouse, sewer system, water system, construction on two four-story buildings.

The mountain bike trail in Newaygo County around Hardy Dam is close to being approved. This trail is almost 50 miles long and it will be one of the most beautiful biking trails in the States.

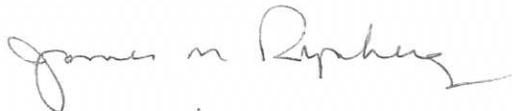
MEDC provided a grant for the old antique building which will be a boutique hotel.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT - WMSRDC PROGRAM

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Ortwein and supported by Commissioner Hughes to adjourn at 11:02 AM. Motion carried. A tour to the Darling Street Walkway and the Oak Arch began about 11:15 AM for those that wished to participate.

NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2019 – Muskegon County


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