

(Attachment IV-A)

**WMSRDC**  
WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

May 20, 2019 – Mason County

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 10:07 AM** by Vice-Chairperson Bonne McGlothlin

**II. ROLL CALL QUORUM: Yes**

Commissioners Present:

**Lake County:** Howard Lodholtz

**Mason County:** Nick Krieger, Joe Lenius

**Muskegon County:** Kay Beecham, Jennifer Hernandez, Marcia Hovey-Wright  
Bonnie McGlothlin, Byron Turnquist, Rillastine Wilkins,

**Newaygo County:** Burt Cooper, James Rynberg

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

**WMSRDC Appointees:** Ron Steiner

**Muskegon Community College:** Dale Nesbary

Commissioners Absent:

**Mason County:** Charles Lange

**Muskegon County:** Bob Scolnik

**Newaygo County:** James Maike

**WMSRDC Appointee:** Andrea Large

**West Shore Community College:** Crystal Young

Staff/Guests Present: Erin Kuhn, and Syndi Copeland

**III. SPECIAL ELECTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lenius and supported by Commissioner Nesbary to re-elect Commissioner Rynberg as Chairperson through Fiscal Year 2019, at which time Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner McGlothlin, will step into the role. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Turnquist and supported by Commissioner Wilkins to approve the agenda for the May 20, 2019 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lenius and supported by Commissioner Lodholtz to approve the March 18, 2019 Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The April 12, 2019 Officer's meeting minutes were attached for information only.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**VII. HOST (Lake County)**

Commissioner Lodholtz welcomed all and gave an update on a few things happening in Lake County. The prison is reopening in October 2019 bringing 300 jobs. The RRP prison, which houses those in the last 90 days of imprisonment, is not doing as well. Blessing of the bikes occurred yesterday.

**VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Rynberg mentioned that the new Meijer in Fremont will open tomorrow.

**IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Transportation – WMSRDC submitted the Unified Work Program and is awaiting State approval before going to the Federal level. This will set our work activities for the FY2020 for the MPO, regional and rural transportation programs.

Economic Development – Erin sits as a Governor appointee on the Michigan Port Advisory Council which will meet with the Michigan Logistics and Supply Chain Commission in Muskegon on August 15. Erin will highlight the ports on the west side of the state. Also, several communities within our counties are showing interest in doing projects with potential EDA grants.

Environmental Program – On Wednesday, May 15, WMSRDC hosted a 13 minute video called Back from the Brink, at the Frauenthal. This video document's to date some of the restoration work accomplished around Muskegon Lake. Nearly 600 people were in attendance.

Homeland Security – WMSRDC will wrap up all Homeland Security programs on May 31. We will official close FY16 grant and the FY17 will be transitioned over to the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium as the new fiduciary for the Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board.

Local Government Services – WMSRDC has had a huge influx of calls regarding Master and Recreation plans. WMSRDC hosted two Integrated Infrastructure Asset Management Summits at Muskegon Community College. The governor's Michigan Infrastructure Council is getting communities together that own road, water, sewer, and stormwater, as well as private utilities (gas, electric, and broadband) to discuss how we can improve how we manage and coordinate our infrastructure.

Regional Prosperity Initiative – Governor Whitmer eliminated the RPI program in her budget for FY20. The Michigan Association of Regions has been reaching out to legislators regarding the importance and good work that has been accomplished through the program over the past six years. As a result, the RPI received a placeholder in the House budget.

Erin closed out her Executive Director's report by showing the Back from the Brink video.

There were a few questions regarding Veterans Memorial Park, and discussion ensued.

**X. FPRS TABLE - Information**

There were four state applications processed through the Federal Project Review System.

**XI. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Susan was unable to attend the board meeting, so Erin gave an overview of the WMSRDC financials. Erin made an official announcement that Amanda Snyder has been hired as Financial Manager. Amanda will begin on Monday, June 10. We had four

extremely strong candidates, so WMSRDC feels very confident with Amanda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gustafson and supported by Commissioner Steiner to accept the April 2019 WMSRDC Financials. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hovey-Wright and supported by Commissioner Hernandez to accept the April 2019 Homeland Security Financials. Motion carried.

**XII. MERS 457 RESOLUTION 2019-3**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lodholtz and supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright to approve MERS 457 Resolution 2019-3 for personal loans and to update the signature. Motion carried.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**XIV. ROUND TABLE**

Commissioner Nesbary and Commissioner Steiner discussed the collaboration between Muskegon Community College and the Starting Block. MCC is starting courses that focus on talent needs for the food processing industry.

Commissioner Hernandez commented that Muskegon Township has started collecting names to create a memorial for Veterans from Muskegon Township.

Commissioner Turnquist mentioned that Muskegon Public Schools is looking for a new school superintendent.

Commissioner Beecham voiced her concern of the overcrowding of classrooms due to school building closings and consolidation.


Commissioner Turnquist also mentioned the upcoming celebration to commemorate the City of Muskegon's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**XV. PUBLIC COMMENT - WMSRDC PROGRAM**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Lenius and supported by Commissioner Lodholtz to adjourn at 11:30 AM. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: July 15, 2019 – Oceana County

  
James Rynberg, Chairperson

7-15-19

Date

  
Erin Kuhn, Executive Director

7-15-19

Date