



Northeast Michigan Council of Governments

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**MINUTES
OF THE
NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

May 16, 2019

**University Center
Gaylord, MI**

Call to Order

The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Robert Heilman, Board President, at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was declared.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dave Karschnick, John Wallace, Carey Jansen, Daryl Peterson, Kyle Yoder, Robert Pallarito, Carl Altman, Adam Poll, Marisue Moreau, Robert Heilman, Mary Ann Heidemann, Scott McLennan, Doug Baum and Dave Post

Staff Present: Steve Schnell, Theresa Huff and Karen Cole

Public Present: Pat Wyman

Approval of Minutes

R. Heilman presented the Minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting. R. Heilman noted one small typo. C. Altman moved, seconded R. Pallarito to approve the minutes as presented. Yes all, motion carried.

Financial Report

K. Cole reviewed the April, 2019 financial statements. D. Baum moved, seconded by D. Post to receive and file the April, 2019 Financial Report as presented. Yes all, motion carried. K. Cole stated we are having a very good year. Informed the Board that the FY2018 Audit is still in progress and expects to have a draft within the next couple of weeks.

President's Report

Regional Project Review: R. Heilman stated there were (2) Federal Grant projects for regional review; (0) Other projects for regional review and (1) public notice. C. Altman moved, seconded by M. Moreau to approve all the Projects as presented. Yes all, motion carried.

MI Association of Regions (MAR): S. Schnell attended the MAR meeting by video conference for the first time and gave a brief overview.

- Integrated Asset Management was discussed and noted to receive funding you may soon be required to attend an Asset Management Conference. There is an upcoming Asset Management Conference on May 29, 2019 at Kirtland Health Sciences Center in Grayling from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., there is no fee to attend. Please RSVP to T. Huff.
- RPI: RPI funding recently wasn't looking good. However, was just informed that it seems that has changed and there is a place holder in the budget now. May get some funding in 2020 and to still please reach out to your legislator to let them know this is important.
- MSU Innovation Summit will be held on August 29th from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Lansing.

Presentation: Buzz Brown, Munetrix

Buzz Brown provided an overview of Munetrix, which is a cloud based financial database program that NEMCOG subscribes to on behalf of the northeast region. Munetrix can be accessed through the NEMCOG website by clicking on the data tab and then Munetrix.

Director's Report

S. Schnell gave a short review on behalf of D. Rekowski.

- Small Business Development Center (SBDC): We are working to find a long term funding solution for the SBDC in our region. Their business professionals offer business assistance to local entrepreneurs. Grand Valley State and the MEDC are both involved in ensuring that the SBDC has a presence throughout our state. Typical local sponsors of the SBDC are universities but our region doesn't have one. NEMCOG is working on finding a long term solution and will be meeting with the CEO of SBDC as well as MEDC soon.
- Executive Committee/RPI meeting on June 20, 2019 directly following the board meeting.
- MDOT: RFP that was recently put out by the MDOT for the Non-Motorized maps project was withdrawn and the work will be conducted by NEMCOG as we've done in the past.
- RPI Mini-Grants: 34 Mini-Grant applications were received, 31 of them are eligible. The requests are over a range of topics.
- JLUS Implementation: Draft proposal has been submitted.
- CDC is working to award a \$60,000 grant for talent and business attraction videos for each county. They will be available to local communities, Chambers of Commerce, etc. to use to promote and attract talent and business.
- Alpena Electronics Grant has been approved.
- New Hazard Mitigation plans are underway by NEMCOG staff.
- Emmet County is no longer a NEMCOG Member. They will no longer receive the member discounted rates and some existing contracts are being amended to reflect the non-member rates as requested by the NEMCOG Board.
- Coastal Resiliency Training coming up on Tuesday, May 21st at NOAA from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

RPI Committee: D. Baum updated the board on the RPI Collaborative meeting regarding Regional Agriculture and Local Foods project, and broadband.

Previous Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m. The next Board Meeting will be held on June 20, 2019 at the University Center in Gaylord.