



Northeast Michigan Council of Governments

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

September 19, 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, President, at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dan Gauthier, Dave Karschnick, John Wallace, Daryl Peterson, Kyle Yoder, Robert Pallarito, Carl Altman, Marisue Moreau, Robert Heilman, Doug Baum, Norm Brecheisen and Dave Post
Staff Present: Diane Rekowski, Theresa Huff and Karen Cole
Public Present: None

Approval of Minutes

R. Heilman presented the Minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting. D. Peterson moved, seconded by C. Altman to approve the minutes as presented. Yes all, motion carried.

Financial Report

K. Cole reviewed the August, 2019 financial statements. J. Wallace moved, seconded by D. Post to receive and file the August, 2019 Financial Report as presented. Yes all, motion carried.
K. Cole stated year end is going well and should end well.

Adjusted FY2019 Budget

K. Cole reviewed the FY2019 Adjusted budget. The Finance Committee met in July and reviewed the adjustments applicable at that time. Additional adjustments were made to reflect August and estimated September finances. D. Karschnick moved, seconded by D. Post to approve the Adjusted FY2019 Budget as presented. Yes all, motion carried.

FY2020 Budget

K. Cole reviewed the FY2020 Proposed Budget. The budget was developed based on known projects for 2020 and estimated project carryovers. As new projects and contracts are acquired throughout the year, quarterly Budget Adjustments will be presented to the board for review and approval. D. Post moved, seconded by D. Peterson to adopt the 10/1/19-10/31/2020 Proposed Budget as presented. Yes all, motion carried

President's Report

Regional Project Review: R. Heilman stated there were (1) Federal Grant project for regional review; (0) Other projects for regional review and (2) public notices. R. Pallarito offered details regarding the Federal Grant for Otsego County Criminal Justice and Public Safety Complex project. D. Baum moved, seconded by C. Altman to recommend approval of all the Projects as presented. Yes all, motion carried.

MI Association of Regions (MAR): D. Rekowski updated the Board on the MAR strategic planning being undertaken this next year. The Plan will determine the role and format of the statewide association.

Other: Rep. Triston Cole sent a letter congratulating NEMCOG on receiving the Recycling Electronics Grant. Also, received a letter from Lake State Rail regarding Capital Rail project, \$244 million project for rail improvements. R. Pallarito moved, seconded by D. Baum to provide a letter of support for the grant. Yes all, motion carried.

FY2020 Board Meeting Schedule was provided to the board.

Director's Report

D. Rekowski provided a brief overview of current projects and Grants.

- Reviewed handout of Program Highlights, January – September, 2019. Will send a copy to each county and also state legislatures.
- GIS Survey will be sent to each county to begin to analyze a regional approach for GIS services.
- Community Corrections, received slightly more for FY2020 than FY2019. Due to the lack of a state budget, contracts have not been sent. Jail/CBT services and contractors will continue without a budget in place, temporarily.
- Events:
 - 10/9/19 State Regional Recycling Marketing Forum, University Center, Gaylord, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - 10/16/19 Community Conversation, Kirtland in Grayling, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - 10/26/19 Jail Commission Input: Video Conference Round Table meeting. Opportunity for rural areas to provide input to the State Commission on Jails.
 - 11/6/19 Fall Asset Management Summit, Otsego Club, Gaylord, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be included.
- Grants:
 - Electronics Grant: \$60,000 to use within the region for recycling. Can be a facility, trailer, etc.
 - JLUS Implementation Grant: Was notified to begin inputting the grant into the system.

Committee Reports

RPI Committee: D. Baum updated the board on the RPI Collaborative meeting which focused on local foods and the proposed Northern Market. Informed the Board of a Food Policy Council that is being established for the region.

Previous Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

County Updates

Alpena Co.: Had 39 applications for the City Manager position including Adam Poll.

Cheboygan Co.: Discussed the Enbridge Line 5 project Board Resolution. Feels that Enbridge pays a large amount of taxes and without it; the schools would suffer first, then the county, etc. Straights Regional Ride was expanded to include part of Emmet County.

City of Alpena: Adam Poll is one of the 6 candidates that will be interviewed for the City Manager position.

City of Grayling: Discussed contamination of wells and the Department of Defense response to expand Grayling Township's municipal water to affected homes. The City's DPW building project just finishing up and will be moving in a couple weeks. Development projects in progress and will likely move forward. K-Mart is closing in December; Tractor Supply is going in that building.

Alcona Co.: Received Brownfield Grant. 2 small restaurants opened in Lincoln. Brew house on US23, having staffing issues. Hopes to have the 2020 Budget done by mid-October.

Livingston Township: Consumers expanding power to support grow facilities.

MI Works!: Talent tours coming up. Expanding youth case managers.

Oscoda Co.: Governmental Building is making progress and taking shape. Still dealing with some issues with the insurance company. Budget is coming up and Union negotiations as well.

Montmorency County: Beginning negotiations and working with a firm to see if we will buyout our pensions for this meeting

Otsego Co.: Applied for a USDA Loan for the "Otsego County Criminal Justice and Public Safety Complex" project. On 10/26/19, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a ribbon cutting event for the Iron Belle Trail project at the Tourism Bureau for the trail portion of the project. The Trail Head facility will be similar to the Pavilion and will be next to Subway and the rail road tracks.

Presque Isle Co.: County's recycling program cost is exceeding the recycling millage funds. The landfill offered to give the county \$1,100 a month for one year to help. A new roof is being put over the old roof at the jail. Board voted to close the Onaway airport.

Village of Hillman: The Hillman Power Plant will be closing in 2.5 years and will have economic impacts to the community. Redevelopment Ready project is in progress. The houses that are for sale, are selling quickly. Expect to have budget cuts. D. Post encouraged the board to educate the people within their communities to get the Census completed so each person is counted. The census can be completed online, over the phone or by mail.

Village of Mackinaw City: Recent events were the Mini Coopers on the Mackinaw Bridge and the Annual Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show. Ceremony by Coast Guard coming up, 8th year. North Huron Ave. project engineering nearly complete. Overall, had a good summer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next Board Meeting will be held on October 17, 2019 at the University Center in Gaylord.