



# Northeast Michigan

## Regional Prosperity Initiative

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### **REGION 3: RPI COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES May 22, 2019**

**Meeting was called to order at 10:30am**

**A quorum was determined**

**The Workforce Development Board conducted their business**

#### **Minutes of the April 24, 2019 Meeting**

Motion by Sanderson, support Hoffmeyer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Review** – Schnell summarized the financial report. Motion Comerford, second Beltz to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

#### **RPI Mini-grant Awards**

Schnell highlighted the many great applications for funding from the 2019 RPI Mini-grant program for community development, economic development, and marketing. There were 35 applications and 31 of those that were eligible. The total amount of requests was \$144,000 and there was \$65,000 to award. The list of awardees was passed around. Schnell mentioned that the choice was difficult as there were many excellent applications.

Motion Beltz, seconded by Stepanski to approve the 2019 RPI mini-grant awards as listed. Motion carried.

#### **MiCareerQuest & Business Solutions update**

Collin Hoffmeyer updated the group on the progress of the MiCareerQuest event in Onaway happening next Tuesday. He also mentioned that the Michigan Works office is a Talent Pipeline Management host now and can track how companies attract talent. They are working with a committee of employers that is discussing a ride share program to help with their employees' needs.

#### **Discussion – Creating a Talent Hub in Northeast Michigan**

Janie McNabb presented the history of the effort to create a talent hub and lessons learned so far. Discussion focused on using existing resources to create a supportive online tool that helps connect talent with quality of life assets in northeast Michigan. It was recognized that the maintenance of such a site is critical and there are no known funds currently to pay for staff. Ideas were shared that included using existing resources and human connections to create a talent hub that is supported by a website that exists within



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Discovernortheastmichigan.org. Janie will get with Steve and they will create a proposal for another RPI meeting. Janie will be providing a summary of this discussion and share with the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.