



Region 3: Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI) Collaborative

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2018

University Center - Gaylord

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 12:15 a.m.

A quorum was determined.

RPI Meeting Minutes – Motion by Podjaske, second by McComb to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Financial Review – Schnell summarized the financial report.

Presentations

Broadband - Tom Stephenson provided an update to the Broadband efforts. There will be a training on vertical asset data collection tool. There was a good response rate to the broadband surveys that were sent out. Charter is expanding workforce with \$15/hr jobs; expanding broadband with a goal to have 1 GB speed for all by 2020; low income costs for 30MB service available for \$34/month; digital education grants are available.

RPI 10-year Plan – Janie McNabb presented on the next steps to create a new 10-year plan. This RPI has had a 5-year plan and we're expanding that as we move to the council level. Janie mentioned that the measures we chose to use in the last plan were not achieved but they were also measures that are influenced by much more than the RPI's efforts. Also, the data that was gathered 5 years ago as a baseline is no longer gathered in the same format and is now coming from different sources. She suggested we choose more appropriate measures. Janie asked for comments and ideas on each of the strategies in the previous 5-year plan. With the feedback received at the meeting there will be a revised set of strategies drafted.

Discussion of 2019 Meeting Format – Steve Schnell mentioned that there was feedback received that the combined meeting format of the RPI and Workforce Development Board (WDB) was very helpful for schedules and effective discussion. We will continue with that format in 2019 and will work to keep meeting limited to 2 hours as best as possible. There will be presentations and more focused conversation on topics related directly to the strategies of the RPI and WDB.

Regional Entrepreneurial Network Update – Steve mentioned that there are still two \$5,000 grants available to assist with the implementation of entrepreneurial training programs that involve youth. Steve encouraged others to get the word out to all who may be able to assist youth understand and get comfortable with being a successful entrepreneur.

Other Business – There was none.

Public Comment – there were no public comments

Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm