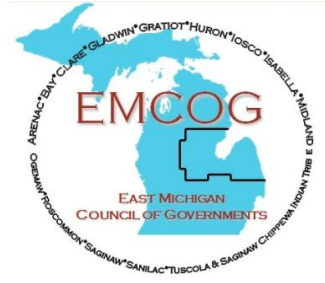


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Minutes of the EMCOG REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED) TEAM Approved January 18, 2019

Meeting Date: Friday, September 14, 2018

Meeting Time: **11:45 A.M.**

Location: Saganing Outreach Center¹ | 5447 Stuman Rd. | Standish, MI 48658

Attendees:

RED Team	Bob Balzer, Mandi Chasey, Zygy Dworzecki, Pat Killingbeck, Bob Moffit, Bill Mrdeza, Jerry Nelson, Jay O'Farrell.
EMCOG	David Engelhardt, Bill Ernat, Jane Fitzpatrick
Guests	Tom Durkee, MEDC, Wanda Dziwura, USDA-Rural, Brad Jenson, Huron Pines, Dave Rowley, MSU Extension, Robert VanWert, SCIT, Randall Claramunt, MDNR Mary Bourbina, Manager, City of Zilwaukee

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Mrdeza at 12:23 pm. Introductions of all attending were made.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no changes.

3. Review and Approval of July 13, 2018 RED Team Minutes:

The minutes were approved with no changes.

4. Chairperson Update: Bill Mrdeza

Bill noted that the joint MML and MAP annual conference is next week in Grand Rapids.

5. Integrated Economic Development Activities: Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane referred to the September 14th memo to the EMCOG Council and RED Team that was provided as part of the agenda packet. Highlights of activities include a report on the 2018 EMCOG PR-5 Mini and Micro grant program awards for 18 projects; the 2019 RPI grant application status and content, an update on the EDA Disaster Supplemental; the Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot report; the status of the newly created Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC) and Water Asset

¹ Also known as the Saganing Eagles Tribal Center

Management Council (WAMC), and the Michigan Consortium of Advanced Networks (MCAN) Michigan Broadband Roadmap.

6. Huron Pines, A Presentation on Projects and Activities in the Arenac, Iosco, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties Area: Brad Jenson, Executive Director

Brad gave a presentation of activities that Huron Pines does within the EMCOG Region. He demonstrated how the work of Huron Pines is consistent with and supports the five goal areas of the EMCOG Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Huron Pines is a valued partner within the EMCOG Region and the greater Saginaw Bay Watershed. As described on their website <https://huronpines.org> Huron Pines takes a holistic approach to improving the health of our high-quality great Lakes ecosystems. Huron Pines understands that the connections between land, water and people are what make this region special. At the core of all of their work is a goal to teach and instill a conservation ethic in the hearts of people across Michigan and beyond and to make our communities better places to live, work and enjoy. A copy of today's presentation will be shared with the attendees.

7. Good of the Order

Pat Killingbeck, Carrollton Township

It is anticipated that the final steps for the Iron Belle Trail will be finished up this fall. Pat thanked Bill Ernat from EMCOG for all of his help on the project.

Note: All other attendees had reported their respective activities at the conclusion of the EMCOG Council meeting which preceded the RED Team meeting.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chair Bill Mrdeza at 1:15 pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: November 2, 2018 at the Bay County Community Center

2018 **RED TEAM** MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
January 19, 2018	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Andersen Enrichment Center Saginaw, MI
March 2, 2018 (March 19 th as back-up if dangerous weather)	Full RED Team	11:45 am	City Hall Mt Pleasant, MI
May 4, 2018	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Riverwalk Place Gladwin, MI
July 13, 2018	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Iosco County RESA
September 14, 2018	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Saganing Eagles Landing Standish, MI
November 2, 2018	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Bay County Community Center City of Bay City

RED Team meetings begin at 11:45 a.m. following 10:00 a.m. Full Council meetings. Lunch will be available at the meeting site upon adjournment of the Council meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m. for those who wish to participate prior to the start of the RED Team meeting. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person unless otherwise specified for a particular meeting.

NOTE: Members of the public are always welcome at any EMCOG RED Team meeting.

Meeting Guidelines

- * Participate in good faith, and in an effort to promote collective learning and good communication
- * Be honest, open-minded, and respectful when offering and listening to differing points of view. Disagree judiciously and respectfully.
- * Respect time commitments in the agenda; maintain focus on the issues and objectives at hand.
- * Be mindful of comment length and the importance of encouraging participation from everyone in the group. Agree briefly.
- * Be respectful regarding use of smart phones and other technologies.