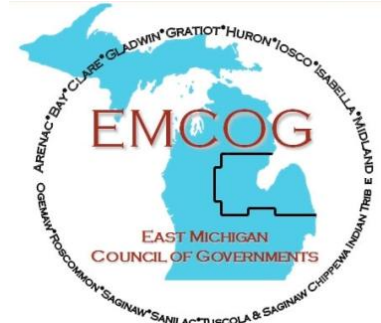


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Minutes of the ECM PR-5 Strategic Management Team

Date, Time and Location:

September 26, 2017 | 10:00 a.m.

Ziibiwing Center | 6650 E. Broadway Rd. | Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Regional Participants:

Natasha Allen	Michigan Works 7B
Maja Bolanowska	MATS
Doug Bush	Gratiot-Isabella ISD
Melissa Kesterson	Midland Area Community Foundation
Tracey Klich	Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Katie Mora	Middle Michigan Development Corporation
Ed Oberski	GLB Michigan Works
Don Schurr	Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.
Marni Taylor	Gratiot/Isabella Great Start Collaborative

Agency Representatives

Rex Anslie	MDNR
Jackie Morgan	USDA Rural Development

EMCOG

Dave Engelhardt	Program Manager - Transportation
Jane Fitzpatrick	Program Manager – Economic Development/RPI Coordinator

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Meeting was called to order by Jane Fitzpatrick at 10:10 am. Introductions were made of those present and those calling in.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was supported with the following additions: New discussion Item 6. “Statewide RPI Steering Committee” and new item 7.h. “Zero Waste to Landfill Consortium”.

3. 2017 Mini Grant Update: Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG has signed agreements with all eight grantees and checks have been disbursed to each for up to 50% of the grant amount. All recipients are to provide a status report to EMCOG by November 1st. A copy of the EMCOG press release regarding the grant awards was provided as a handout.

4. Discussion of 2018 RPI Grant Application Focus, Process and Organization: Group Discussion

The general consensus was to continue with the mini grant initiative with an emphasis on collaborative projects with a regional impact. Also, regarding the structure and organization of the PR-5 Strategic Management Team the consensus is to stay at a Tier 1 level for the final year of funding and then see what happens regarding legislation and the future of the regional prosperity initiative when Governor Snyder's term in office ends., etc. The discussion included grant guidelines such as 1) best practices; what is best practice and the benefits of it, 2) giving a higher score for matching funds (not just in kind), and 3) requiring quotes as part of an application for equipment purchases. Rex Anslie noted that we could follow the example of the MDOT or DDOT scale for equipment. In preparation for implementation of a second year of mini grant funding Jane Fitzpatrick will prepare a comprehensive summary of what the Strategic Management Team/RPI-5 has done since 2014.

5. Redevelopment Ready Communities Assistance: Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG is under contract with MEDC to provide technical assistance to qualified Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) within the 14 county EMCOG Region. A copy of the scope of work was provided as a meeting handout. The technical assistance will be provided as requested by communities that have received their RRC Report of Findings and have successfully completed the first quarterly progress report. The MEDC RRC planners will work with an eligible community to identify technical assistance needs and then will contact EMCOG to discuss a scope of work and services to be provided.

6. RPI Statewide Leadership Meeting Jane Fitzpatrick

Anne Armstrong, RPI Liaison and Governor's Office of Urban Initiatives, is convening an RPI Leadership Meeting on November 7th in Lansing. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together regional leaders to discuss shared experiences, and a vision to sustain the Prosperity Regions and regional collaboration/planning. Governor Snyder will be attending part of this meeting. EMCOG has been asked to provide a list of invitees from PR-5. Categories of stakeholders encouraged to participate include the fiduciary agency and/or chair/vice chair of each board, regional planning agency, transportation, non-profit, business, adult education, workforce development, economic development, higher education, and a local elected official (not all categories must be represented). Jane will send out an email to all to solicit participants from PR-5 for this meeting.

7. Other Project Updates:

7.a. Centers of Excellence

Plastics Process and Product: No Update

Hops: Jackie Morgan, USDA-Rural Development provided a brief status report of the grant for this project. The study will be completed by the end of September, at which point it will be available for general distribution.

7.b. MEDC Region 5 Collaborative Business Attraction Plan:

No update.

7.c. Iron Belle Trail Facilitation: Dave Engelhardt

According to Dave, BCATS is considering an asset management data set for grading the trails conditions. It is difficult to measure deterioration of trails. This will be discussed at the upcoming MICamp GIS conference in two days as an MDOT/MDNR discussion.

7.d. Michigan 21st Century Infrastructure Pilot Project Steering Committee Update:

Jane Fitzpatrick

A copy of the September Monthly Newsletter was included in the agenda packet. Jane missed the August 30th meeting due to the EDA Region 5 University Centers showcase in Chicago. The next meeting is on September 29th.

7.e. State of the Bay Summit: September 27, 2017: Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane referred to the handout of the final summit agenda. The summit is tomorrow, walk in registrations are welcome. There are over 200 registered as of September 20th. The reception river cruise is on the Appledore Tall Ship and the Islander from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Some of the sessions will be at the DoubleTree and some at the Delta Planetarium across the street.

7.f. Hazardous Storm Events and Resiliency: Jane Fitzpatrick

There is a change in this project as the project manager has left. EMCOG is working with MSU Extension to keep this project going and hire a new manager. The hiring schedule is the same as a year ago (when the latest project manager was hired) with the intent to have someone 'on board' by the end of January.

Progress to date has been made based on RED Team prioritization of strategies at the May meeting in Gladwin:

Four Fact Sheets will soon be ready for release.

1. Awareness of extreme storms in the Saginaw Bay Watershed and their impacts to public health, community safety and economic stability

2. Tools to assess risks to critical infrastructure from extreme storms in the Saginaw Bay Watershed (NOAA Digital Coast, Cities Impact & Adaptation Tool, etc)
3. Tools to assist communities in the Saginaw Bay watershed with stormwater management for extreme storms (MI best management practice manual, MI low impact development manual, Community flood rating system)
4. Tool to assist communities in the Saginaw Bay watershed with accurate forecasting for flooding and high winds during extreme storms.

A webinar will be developed for each of the 4 fact sheets. Feedback will then be part of the basis for a conference to be held in the early spring of 2018 (delayed from December so that the new project manager can have some time on the project). The conference may piggy back a workshop/public meeting with NOAA on a project that has been funded in our region to do some storm event modeling.

7.g. Transportation Update: Dave Engelhardt

Dave has a new MDOT contact person for his rural task force work. Also Dave reminded the participants that EMCOG is involved in non-motorized mapping and planning with MDOT and will be holding meetings at MDOT TSC offices late in October to show maps of what we think we know. Let Jane know if you are interested in being added to the contact list.

Transit related: STARS is revamping its' service with improvements/connections with Bay Metro. GLBRA facilitated a town hall meeting at SVSU regarding transit for the 4 counties (Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw). The bulk of the discussion focused on where are the obstacles; what can GLBRA do to facilitate the roadblocks, the need for better coordination in 4 functional areas: workforce; students; non-emergency medical; and general A.L.I.C.E. people. Ed Oberski noted that regarding workforce and identification of where the unmet demand is: anywhere there is a business there is an unmet transportation condition.

7.h. Zero Waste to Landfill Consortium: Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG is partnering with and a founding member with others from the private and public sector to initiate a Zero Waste to landfill Consortium. The official name is the Great Lake Bay Zero Waste Consortium. Initial support comes from the MSU University Center for Regional Economic Innovation, and Sustainable Research Group as part of a triple bottom line business model approach to economic and community development. A copy of the 2017 membership application was distributed.

8. Updates from Strategic Management Team Members and Guests

Don Schurr, Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.

Don is retiring at the end of September. Wind generation development is going strong both in Gratiot and Isabella counties. Construction of the Zeeland production facility is also going on.

Doug Bush, Gratiot-Isabella ISD

They've started a new initiative with the Central MI Manufacturers Association and SME Society of Manufacturing Engineers program to work with their students.

Natasha Allen, Michigan Works Region 7B

They are working through skilled trades training funds right now. The training does not have to be trade related; it could be something like HR, Quickbooks, etc. Also the Coleman CS has a STEM program that included 8th grade students.

Ed Oberski, Michigan Works, Great Lakes Bay Region

Right now is like tax time for accountants. The business service teams are working really hard; they utilized \$1.5 to \$2.0 million in funds.

Rex Anslie, MDNR

Wanted the group to be aware of the wetlands mitigation fund for the purchase of credits to facilitate development and mitigate the impacts of flooding issues. www.michiganwetlands.com

Maja Bolanowska, MATS

The MATS long range plan was adopted. Also the Midland County Transportation Study has been finalized and hopefully adopted soon.

9. Adjournment

There being no other reports or business, the meeting concluded at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Fitzpatrick

NOTE: The next meeting is October 24h at the Bay-Arenac ISD

The Strategic Management Team is the RPI-5 Tier 1 Collaborative. A collaborative consists of two or more parties working together. There are three important characteristics of a collaborative organization:

1. A networked and non-hierarchical organization structure;
2. A culture of openness, honesty and trust, and
3. Engaged and valued stakeholders ⁱ

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.

**2017 East Central Michigan Prosperity Region 5
Strategic Management Team Meeting Schedule**

MEETING DATE	TYPE	TIME	HOST/LOCATION
January 24, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Saginaw Future Inc. Saginaw, Michigan
February 28, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Buena Vista Charter Township
March 28, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Cancelled
April 25, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Clare-Gladwin RESD
May 23, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works, Midland
June 27, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	SVSU Curtiss Hall
July 25, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works, Clare
August 22, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Cancelled
September 26, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Ziibiwing Center Mt Pleasant
October 24, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Bay-Arenac ISD
November 28, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works, Midland
December , 2017			No Meeting

NOTE: Members of the public are always welcome at any Strategic Management Team meeting

ⁱ <http://community.aiim.org/blogs/angela-ashenden/2013/04/16/what-is-a-collaborative-organisation>