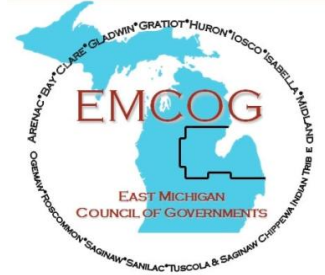


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Draft Minutes of the EMCOG REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED) TEAM

Meeting Date: Friday, January 18, 2019

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

Location: Andersen Enrichment Center | 120 Ezra Rust Dr. | Saginaw, MI 48601 |

www.andersencenter.org

Attendees:

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| RED Team | Brenda Bachelder, Bob Balzer, Mandi Chasey, Zygy Dworzecki, Steve Erickson, Gary Kellan, Torrie McAfee, Bill Mrdeza, Jay O'Farrell, Jerrell Ojeda (alternate for SCIT), Bill Wright |
| EMCOG | David Engelhardt, Bill Ernat, Jane Fitzpatrick |
| Guests | Karen Boase, MDNR; Andrea Brown, MAP; Jamie Forbes, STARS; Latrice Goodwine, BVCT; Steve Jonas, Saginaw Future; Heath Kaplan, City of Beaverton; Jamie Learman, City of Caseville; Richard Norton, U of M; Debbie Powell, City of Cass City; Chelsey Rowley, MEDC; Chris Shannon, City of Gladwin; Robert Stalker, Municipal Mgmt Consulting LLC; Brian Stark, Saginaw County; Dan Tighe, City of Caseville; Ronda Wuycheck, MDNR |

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by the RED Team Chair at 12:04 pm. All present introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no changes.

3. Review and Approval of September 14, 2018 RED Team Minutes

The minutes were approved with no changes.

4. Chairperson Update: Bob Balzer

Bob Balzer stated that he was glad to be appointed as the EMCOG Council Second Chair/RED Team Chair. He will save his Gladwin County comments for the "Good of the Order" at the end of the meeting.

5. Michigan Coastal Management Program: Partnering to Create Hazard-Ready Coastal Communities

The Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP) is partnering with a team of researchers and community planning leaders to assist coastal communities to prepare and adapt for future coastal erosion and flooding to inform land use master plan and policy development. The program focus to date has been on the west side of the State of Michigan. At this point the team is seeking pilot project communities on the east side of the state within the EMCOG region.

Rhonda Wuycheck, Manager, Coastal Management Program, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes began today's the presentation by providing an overview of the Michigan Coastal Management Program and the hazard-ready Coastal Communities program. This was followed by a presentation from *Richard K. Norton*, PhD, Urban and Regional Planning in the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan on the challenges of planning to be a resilient Great Lakes coastal community. *Andrea Brown*, AICP, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Planning finished up the presentation by describing the Coastal Resiliency Team and MAPS role and responsibility to increase knowledge and skills about community resiliency. Time was taken for Q & A throughout the presentations. Electronic copies of the presentations will be provided to EMCOG for distribution. EMCOG offered to partner to hold a regional resiliency summit in support of the launching of this program in this part of the State.

6. January 31, 2019 Annual CEDS Assessment: Jane Fitzpatrick, EMCOG

Jane referred to her January 18, 2019 Memo to the EMCOG Council and Regional Economic Development (RED) Team which was provided as a handout and will be sent out electronically after the meeting. EMCOG is required to submit an annual assessment of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (the CEDS) by January 31 of each year. Included in this annual assessment is an updated Appendix B, Implementation Matrix which includes progress for each action item that was scheduled to be initiated during the reporting year. The January 2019 assessment will cover the first three years (2016, 2017 and 2018) of the current five year CEDS. The detailed CEDS assessment is in progress and will be complete no later than January 31st. A copy of the assessment report and the updated Appendix B will be uploaded on the EMCOG website. Copies will also be sent out to the RED Team members.

7. Integrated Economic Development Activities: Jane Fitzpatrick, EMCOG

Jane referred to the January 18th memo to the EMCOG Council and RED Team that was provided as a handout for the meeting. Highlights of activities include a report on the 2019 EMCOG Prosperity Region 5 grant award including additional money specifically for Integrated Asset Management, the upcoming Regional Prosperity Region 5 meeting at the CMURC Saginaw location, an update on the Department of Commerce EDA Disaster Supplemental for which four EMCOG counties are eligible, 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; a report on the Water Asset Management Council (WAMC) to which Jane was appointed as a representative of regions, a "mark your calendars" heads up for the 2019 State of the Bay Summit, and another heads up that the 2019 ALICE report for Michigan will be released in March of this year. Jane will send the memo out electronically after today's meeting.

8. Good of the Order:

Gary Kellan, Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority

The airport received a few grants this past year to reconstruct their runway. The resulting improvements should be good for 15-20 years.

Jamie Forbes, Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services (STARS)

STARS is the recipient of a \$5.0 million grant from MDOT for 18 new buses. The new buses should all be online within two years.

Brian Stark, Saginaw County

Brian introduced himself as the Saginaw County Planning Director. He has a GIS background and is in the process of preparing the County's four-year transportation plan. Brian also does housing work for the County. The county will no longer be doing any zoning work.

Jamie Learman, City of Caseville

The City is the recipient of \$300,000 in DNR grants for a break wall and shoreline stabilization. Also they received funding through WIN for ADA accessible infrastructure and other grant dollars for bathrooms at the waterfront park.

Dan Tighe, City of Caseville Council and Huron County

Dan is both a member of the City Council for Caseville and the Huron County Planning Commission. They are working on wind and solar power ordinances.

Jerrell Ojeda, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Work is progressing very well on the Saganing Hotel property and it should be completed in August of 2019.

Steve Jonas, Saginaw Future Inc.

Steve reported that a manufacturer will be locating at the Great Lakes Tech Park (in Saginaw County) in a 140,000 square foot new building housing 70 jobs. Also he talked about development occurring in downtown Saginaw, including the new Delta College campus and the November 2018 Coming Home event.

Brenda Bachelder, Roscommon County EDC and Michigan Works Region 7B

The EDC is expanding their board size and currently has one vacancy. They are still working on the Iron-Belle Trail feasibility study regarding routes, costs, segments and grant funding. Denton Township (Prudenville) is conducting a brownfield assessment on a building which includes holding public meetings to determine whether or not to demolish or renovate the building. Michigan Works Region 7B is partnering with the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works on events for students. They are hoping to attract 7,000 students to the events, which are not job fairs.

Mandi Chasey, Ogemaw County EDC and Michigan Works Region 7B

They are hosting Norelco for a job fair. They just received a housing study for the Rising Tide Community (West Branch). The study identified the need for missing middle income housing. Also, through Rising Tide a new logo will be coming out.

Bob Balzer, Gladwin County EDC and Michigan Works Region 7B

Bob provided a brief background on the joint EDC/Michigan Works partnerships and how they work. Regarding the EDC in Gladwin County 6-12 manufacturers have gone through either expansions or acquisitions in the county. As a result of the November elections three of the five County Commissioners are new. Heath Kaplan has moved up the momentum in Beaverton since becoming City Manager. Chris Shannon has recently become the Gladwin City manager. There is a lot of momentum in both cities.

Bob Redmond, Bay County

Uptown in Bay City has pretty much doubled in size with continued site clean up and current construction of another mixed use building.

Bill Wright, Partnership for Saginaw Bay Watershed and Citizen At Large

The Partnership is focusing on minimizing the amount of phosphorous going into the Saginaw Bay through education and outreach to minimize blue green algae blooms. They are also working on issues with beach closures; SVSU and the Office of the Great Lakes are sampling for e-coli contamination.

Debbie Powell, Cass City

The city has been conducting a “first impressions” tourism assessment. The results of the SWOT analysis will soon be available and will be part of the input for a new master plan.

Jay O’Farrell, Iosco County

The line crews from Consumers had moved out of the area a while ago. However due to demand and logistics issues they are moving back with a new facility in Baldwin Township. This is good news for the County.

Steve Erickson, Tuscola County EDC

A new hospital is being built in Caro. The footprint is 1,000 acres. They are currently looking at what can be repurposed on the site which contains an old prison among other things.

Zyggy Dworzecki, Tuscola County Planning Commission

Zyggy provided some information about wind turbines and solar arrays. Information coming out of Iowa is that wind turbines are help to cool the crops. Also Denmark is developing smaller turbines with larger blades. Regarding solar panels, they can now work on cloudy days; a whole array such as in the earlier versions is no longer needed. Less land is needed as well as the panels can be mounted on poles and rotated to capture the best light. There is other information that he has read that he will share with EMCOG for distribution

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Bob Balzer at 2:23 pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: March 1, 2019 at the Bay County Community Center in Bay City

2019 **RED TEAM** MEETING SCHEDULE

| MONTH | TYPE | TIME | LOCATION |
|--|---------------|----------|--|
| January 18, 2019 (January 25 th as back-up for weather) | Full RED Team | 11:45 am | Andersen Enrichment Center Saginaw, MI |
| March 1, 2019 (March 8 th as back-up for weather) | Full RED Team | 11:45 am | Bay County Community Center Bay City, MI |
| May 3, 2019 | Full RED Team | 11:45 am | Riverwalk Place Gladwin, MI |
| July 12, 2019 | Full RED Team | 11:45 am | Iosco County (specific site to be determined) |
| September 13, 2019 | Full RED Team | 11:45 am | Saganing Tribal Center Standish, MI |
| November 1, 2019 | Full RED Team | 11:45 am | City Hall City of Mt Pleasant |

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.