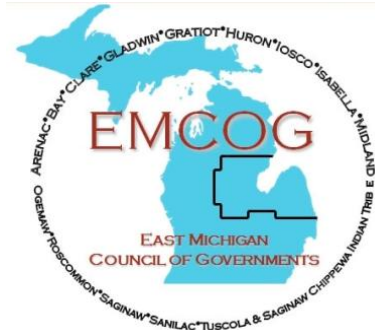


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Minutes of the RPI-5 Strategic Management Team

Date, Time and Location:

January 22, 2019 | 10:00 a.m.

CMURC Saginaw | 203 S. Washington at SVRC Marketplace, 2nd Floor | Saginaw, MI 48607

SMT Participants:

Maja Bolanowska	Midland Area Transportation Study
Doug Bush	Gratiot-Isabella RESD
Melissa Kesterson	Midland Area Community Foundation
Torrie McAfee	Buena Vista Charter Township
Brian Stark	Saginaw County Planning and SMATS

Agency Representatives

Ryan Londrigan	MDEQ Brownfield Redevelopment
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Guests

Claire Bunker	MISTEM Network , PR-5
Latrice Goodwine	Buena Vista Charter Township
Dylan Hellus	Senator Gary Peters Office, Saginaw
Ted Hockman	CMURC Saginaw

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Jane Fitzpatrick	Program Manager – Economic Development/RPI
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced at 10:04 am. Attendees introduced themselves

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Jane Fitzpatrick noted that the City of Bay City was not able to attend this meeting, therefore agenda item 3 will be rescheduled. There were no other changes to the agenda.

3. 2018 Mini Grant Project Updates: – City of Bay City Independence & Liberty Bridge Feasibility Study Results: Rachael Phillips, PE, City of Bay City.

This update will be rescheduled.

4. Central Michigan University Research Corporation (CMURC) Overview and Tour of CMURC Saginaw: Ted Hockman, Saginaw Account Manager

Ted provided a brief history of the CMURC including its start in the Smart Zone near the CMU campus in Mt Pleasant. The Smart Zone space in Mt Pleasant is where those go when they have outgrown the Saginaw and Bay City spaces. The Saginaw space encompasses 10,000 square feet. They network with five Chambers of Commerce: Bay, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw plus they have several corporate partners. Ted provided a walking tour of the space.

5. 2019 Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant Award and Next Steps (discussion): Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane referred to a January 17, 2019 memo to the EMCOG Council and RED Team plus provided handouts of the budget detail for both the regular RPI initiative and the supplemental budget for the Integrated Asset Management initiative. Copies of the handouts were also distributed electronically. The Region received a total of \$306,810 (\$236,810 for the RPI budget plus \$70,000 for the Integrated Asset Management Budget). The \$236,810 includes \$145,000 for the 2019 mini and micro grant program plus \$50,000 to update data and benchmarks and complete an assessment of the PR-5 Five-Year Strategy. 2019 is the final year of the 5-Year Strategy which was developed in 2014. Jane will send out an email seeking volunteers to serve on the mini/micro grant committee. She will also send out an email asking for comments and suggestions for the assessment of the 5-year strategy. The grant for Integrated Asset Management contains a scope of services that was coordinated with other regions statewide and will be led by the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC). There was general discussion about the funding and program for 2019 and collaboration with other initiatives.

6. Other Project Updates from Team Members and Guests:

Jane Fitzpatrick, EMCOG

Jane referred to the January 18, 2019 memo from her to the EMCOG Council and RED Team highlighting items not previously discussed such as the 2019 State of the Bay Summit, the new Asset Limited, Income Restrained Employed study for Michigan to be released in March of 2019 and the WAMC status. She also distributed memos from David Engelhardt (transportation programs) and Bill Ernat (Hazardous Mitigation, Iron-Belle Trail, master plans) to the EMCOG Council on the status of other initiatives and projects. Copies of the memos will be sent out electronically.

Melissa Kesterson, Midland Area Community Foundation

The Midland Area Community Foundation is partnering with three other counties within the region to create a census hub for the 2020 census. They have hired a consultant to work with non profits to focus on at risk populations. The 2020 census will be completed electronically which will be problematic for some. This hub is not the government census hub but rather a local 4 county (Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw) hub with a local focus.

Doug Bush, Gratiot-Isabella RESD

There were 80 applications submitted for the State Marshall Plan grants. Nine grants were funded statewide (\$15.0 million) with three of the nine in our Prosperity Region 5 (\$8.8 million). Funded: Gratiot-Isabella RESD received \$1.3 million; Clare-Gladwin RESD received \$1.2 million; and Saginaw ISD, partnering with Muskegon ISD received \$6.0 million.

Brian Stark, Saginaw County Planning and SMATS

Brian is working on the 2020-2023 four-year Transportation Improvement Plan. He likes the EMCOG-PR-5 funding of the way finding signs in the Saginaw DDA district. He is working on the non-motorized plan to place permanent signs and will use the information gathered from the smart codes on the way finding signs to assist in placement of permanent signs. He is also starting to look at the county solid waste plan in preparation for an update to it.

Ryan Londrigan, MDEQ Brownfield Redevelopment

Ryan noted that the SVRC Marketplace is one of the brownfield redevelopment projects he worked on. It is nice to see the finished project. He extended an invitation to talk with him about any projects we are working on.

Maja Bolanowska, Midland Area Transportation Study

She is also working on the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan for Midland County.

Claire Bunker, MISTEM Network, Prosperity Region 5

She is working on grants to this region to bring professional development resources to teachers. The State has merged 33 math & science centers into 16 STEM Centers. Three of the 16 are in the Upper Peninsula.

Torrie McAfee, Buena Vista Charter Township

Torrie introduced Latrice Goodwine, the new BVCT Community Development Officer. The Township approved a medical marijuana ordinance. Eight facilities are in the planning phase.

Dylan Hellus, Senator Gary Peters Saginaw Office

Senator Peters has been appointed to the Governmental Affairs Committee. With this role he is interviewing people around the State to share their stories regarding the impact of the partial government shut down. Please send anyone who has a story to tell his way.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 26, 2019 (Location not yet determined)