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EMCOG **JOINT** FULL COUNCIL & RED TEAM MEETING

Friday, May 4, 2018 10:00 am

Riverwalk Place - 777 West Cedar, Gladwin, MI 48624

989-246-8000

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Moffit. All were welcomed by the Chair to the city of Gladwin and the Riverwalk Place

Approval of Agenda

Moved by C/O'Farrell, Seconded by C/Dworzecki to accept and approve the agenda. Motion Passed.

Program Updates

Chairman – The Chair once again thanked everyone for coming. He also noted that the MEDA Spring Toolbox is upcoming so if anyone had an interest to be sure to check with him or the website.

Attendees:

The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Present:

- Jay O'Farrell, Iosco County BOC
- Ron Alden, Village of Roscommon
- Mark Woylan, Roscommon Economic Development Corporation
- Zygmunt Dworzecki, Tuscola County/Tuscola EDC
- Kathy Stewart, Saginaw ISD
- Jenny Geno, Saginaw County ISD;
- Sharon Dinse, GOHI
- Tori McAfee, BVCT
- Bob Redmond, Bay County
- Dylan Hellius, Senator Peters Office
- Brenda Bachelder, Roscommon County EDC and MichiganWorks Region 7B
- Kasey Zehner, Greater Gratiot Development
- Gary Kellan, Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport
- Pat Killingbeck
- Steve Jonas, Saginaw Future
- Troy Shank, USDA-RD
- Wanda Dziwura, USDA RD
- Lee Shirey, EDA
- Bill Mrdeza, City of Mt. Pleasant

- David Engelhardt, EMCOG
- Bill Ernat, EMCOG
- Jane Fitzpatrick EMCOG
- Gary Actin, Sage Twp. Clare County
- Sandra Altman, Gladwin County
- Tracy Byard, Clare County
- Brian Smith, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Eric Rodriguez, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Tony Fox, Small Business Development Center at Mid-Michigan Community College
- Pam O’Laughlin, Middle Michigan Development Corporation
- Mandy Chasey, Ogemaw Co. EDC and MichiganWorks Region 7B
- Sue Fortune, EMCOG
- Adam Kroczaleski, Arenac County
- Ed Lorenz, Alma College
- Bob Moffit, ECMCOG
- Dave Rowley, MSU Extension
- Mark Walling, Village of Roscommon
- Trevor Keyes, Bay Future Inc.

Director’s Report

The Director reported the following:

- All quarterly compliance reports are complete for ECM RLF, City of Gladwin, EDA, etc.
- A meeting has been set with our labor counsel to review for amendment our Personnel Manual as the last time the document was updated was 2010.
- The MDOT/TAMC Asset Management group asked us to participate in a culvert inventory pilot for our 14-county region. Staff have attended several webinars on this project.
- Former Representative Patty Berkholtz passed away last night.

Financial Report – Zygmunt Dworzecki

Moved by C/Dworzecki, Seconded by C/Mrdeza to accept and file the financial report. Motion passed.

Transportation Program – David Engelhardt, written report copy attached

Special Projects including Iron Belle – Bill Ernat, written copy attached.

PR-5 Re-granting Program - Jane Fitzpatrick

Reminder: There is a handout available for Prosperity Region 5’s re-granting program. Applications are also available on our web site along with other details. In 2018 we have two levels of grants – one is the same as last year as a mini-grant. Local match is required for this mini-grant. We have added another program which a micro-mini grant with amounts is ranging from \$250 up to \$1,000 with no match required. This is essentially Kick start money and is wide open if it’s consistent with RPI initiatives. A second round will come in the fall if necessary.

Jane has also been serving on the Governors 21st Century Infrastructure Pilot Project which is now completed. The report went to the Governor last week and in Grand Rapids this date, there is a big kick off and press release. Information will be sent out.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- **2018-2019 MDOT Transportation Planning Work Program:** Moved by C/Dworzecki, Seconded by C/Mrdeza to authorize submittal the 2018-2019 MDOT Transportation Planning Work Program with appropriate officer signatures to contract when offered. Motion Passed.
- **2018-2019 MDOT Rural Task Force Management Program:** Moved by C/ Dworzecki, Seconded by C/O'Farrell to authorize submittal of the 2018-2019 MDOT Rural Task Force Management Work Program with appropriate officer signatures to contract when offered. Motion Passed.
- **2017-2018 amended Asset Management Work Program:** Moved by C/O'Farrell, Seconded by C/Dworzecki authorize approval of the amended 2017-2018 Asset Management Work Program to include the 2018 Culvert Inventory. Motion Passed.
- **2018-2019 Asset Management Work Program:** Moved by C/Byard, Seconded by C/Dworzecki to authorize submittal of the 2018-2019 Asset Management Work Program with appropriate officer signatures to contract when offered. Motion Passed.
- **2018-2018 MDNR Iron Belle Work Program:** Moved by C/Mrdeza, Seconded by C/Kroczaleski to authorize submittal of 2019 Work Plan to MDNR Iron Belle Trail funding if offered and to authorize the officers to sign a contract if offered. Motion Passed.

Michigan Federal Project Review: Moved by C/Dworzecki, Seconded by C/Mrdeza to approve project reviews for member projects thereby authorizing their submission to the applicants and granting agencies and to acknowledge and assign numbers for the non-member applications. Motion passed.

GUESTS: Presentations were made to Council on by Lee Shirey, Michigan EDR for U.S. Department of Commerce/Economic Development Administration along with Wanda Dziwura and Troy Shank of USDA on 2018 programs.

Any Other Business

Sandra Aultman, Gladwin County Commission: The county is proceeding with an application to USDA for a loan to improve the courthouse. The County is working with the Gladwin County Sheriff Department to approach the schools regarding putting deputies into the schools this fall. The power is back on at Chapel Dam; there have been long term troubles including bills that were not being paid.

Jay O'Farrell, Iosco County Commission: Plastic Trim International, Inc. is about to expand and bring 200 additional jobs with an average pay of \$25 per hour. The company already employs 258 and is based out of China. Baldwin Township is giving a 50% tax abatement, in the industrial park for this expansion.

Ron Aldan, Village of Roscommon: Ron recently retired from the school district; this is his 4th day on the job as the Village Manager. The Village is also going through RRC best practices initiative and will be looking at a master plan and ordinances review and update.

Zygy Dworzecki: Speaking for Steve Erickson, Tuscola County EDC, who could not make it to the meeting due to a meeting with people from the Chinese Sister City with Cass City regarding a pig processing plant. He also spoke with a solar company about coming to Michigan and establishing a presence in rural areas. The company is looking for communities that have a solar farm ordinance.

Erik Rodriquez, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe: Expansion and renovations at Soaring Eagle are moving forward. The Standish expansion is a couple of weeks ahead of schedule with a proposed 2019 grand opening. The Tribe is working with the State on a wild rice initiative of about 900 acres on Tawas Lake.

Steve Jonas, Saginaw Future Inc.: They are in receipt of an MEDC grant to work with economic partners regarding a talent attraction and retention initiative to include a website for engagement plus working with HR folks of employers in the 8 counties of Prosperity Region 5. Actions include getting testimonials for the website, planning a coming home event for all the colleges in the 8-county region during Thanksgiving of 2018.

Adam Kroczaleski, Arenac County Commission: The County's GIS system is close to getting up and running thanks to the tribal grants. It will be housed on the county's website. Tractor Supply is now open in Standish. Arenac Castings is halfway through their plant expansion and needs 20 more welders. Arenac County and EDC continue to work on relocation of the county fairgrounds to make 36 acres available for further industrial park expansion. An MDOT application is pending for a rail spur at the industrial park. The plan for the new fairgrounds is to make it a County event and cultural center as well as a fairground.

Pat Killingbeck, member at large: Carrolton received money for Iron Bell Trail thanks to Bill Ernat's assistance. The City of Au Gres is looking for a new city manager. This will be a part time position.

Gary Kellan, Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport: Last year was a planning year and all is coming together for implementation: TIF and county road commission money will be used to reconstruct roads in industrial park. Big news: MDOT and FAA dollars are available to resurface the runway

Mandy Chasey, Ogemaw County EDC and MichiganWorks Region 7B: West Branch had a Rising Tide meeting yesterday. The first draft of the work plan is out.

Ed Lorenz, Alma College: They have received two REI grants from MSU (through the EDA University Center program at MSU) to develop an indoor year-round food production facility as a reuse of an empty big box building.

Kasey Zehner, Greater Gratiot Development Corporation: There has been a lot of movement with renewable energy in the area: wind and solar.

Brenda Bachelder, Roscommon County EDC and Michigan Works Region 7B: The County did strategic planning at the end of April resulting in 4 goal areas. They are also working on project planning for the Iron Bell Trail with a public input meeting coming up.

Dylan Hellius, Senator Gary Peters Office: Noted to attendees to take advantage of the EDA and USDA programs.

Robert Redmond, Bay County: Bob yielded to Trevor Keyes for an update regarding Bay County.

Trevor Keyes, Bay Future, Inc.: Trevor provided more discussion on the study that Steve Jonas discussed. The idea is to both attract and retain H2B eligible students here as well. The 3rd highest Chinese population in the Nation is at MSU during the school year. We are not taking advantage of their being here and would like to focus on their retention. Bay Future's annual report meeting was held on April 11th during which the results of the 2nd year of the capital campaign. They have eclipsed all 3 years goals in the second year.

Torrie McAfee, Buena Vista Charter Township: The Township recently passed a local marijuana ordinance. They are now working on a solar ordinance as companies have been interested.

Kathy Stewart, Saginaw ISD: Kathy spoke about the EMCOG grant they received for the INSPIRE program. She provided a handout for MiBright Future with information to register your business.

Jenny Geno, Saginaw ISD: They received a state grant to offer education to students for IT and Computer Science/cyber security. She provided information cards at each table. They are looking at a CTE millage on the ballot as they do not currently have a countywide millage.

Bill Wright: Speaking as Chair of the Partnership for the Saginaw Bay Watershed: They just finished up a two-year process for restoration guidelines for beach closures. Saginaw Bay is the largest sized Area of Critical Concern (AOC) in the State. The next target area will be a study of the current state of knowledge regarding nitrification, using the example of the western Lake Erie blue-green algae bloom. Bill invited anyone interested to participate. www.psbw.org.

Tracy Byard, Clare County: The County recently found out that their indigent defense plan was approved. The 2019 budget process kick-off is happening now with a new financial system. They are in the final stages of development of an adult day care services center.

Tony Fox, SBDC at MMCC: Just a note that if anyone knows of businesses looking to grow, diversify, and/or improve their operations look at the SBDC for assistance.

Pam O'Laughlin, Middle Michigan Development Corporation: The City of Clare is working on continuation of the Pere Marquette Rail Trail. The Railroad Depot is near the final stages of completion with an opening in June. The City of Harrison Rising Tide graduation is May 24th.

Sue Fortune, EMCOG Executive Director: Sue paid tribute to Bob Moffit who is retiring as the Gladwin City Manager in June and will be stepping down as the Chair of the EMCOG Council at the end of this year.

There being no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned by the Chair at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Parker

Recording Secretary

ADOPTED
2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
January 19, 2018	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Andersen Enrichment Center
March 2, 2018 (March 19 th – if there is inclement weather)	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	City Hall – Mt. Pleasant, MI
May 4, 2018	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Gladwin – Riverwalk Place
July 13, 2018	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Iosco County (site to be determined)
September 14, 2018	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Saganing Eagles Landing, Standish MI
November 2, 2018	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Bay County - Location to be determined

All Council meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude by 11:30. RED team follows at 11:45. There will be a short lunch break between meetings.

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

Meeting Guidelines

- * Participate in good faith and 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.