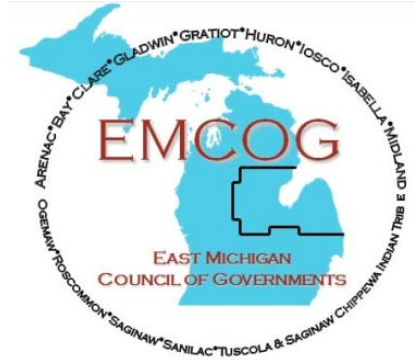


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EMCOG FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, July 14, 2017

**City of East Tawas - Community Center & City Hall
760 Newman Street, East Tawas, MI 48763**

DRAFT Minutes

Chairperson Moffit called the meeting to order. He thanked C/O'Farrell (Iosco County) and the City of East Tawas for hosting the meeting.

The roll was called and a quorum was not yet present. The Chair suggested starting with updates from Council and guests until a quorum is present.

Bob Moffit: Yesterday he spent five (5) hours at a MDNR Governing Board/Directors meeting to urge favorable consideration of the proposed land swap with DNR for the bike path. He received assurances that the land transfer would be coming in the next 60 days which will require that he will have to go back for a meeting in August. Gladwin County wants to eventually be connected to the IBT. A local plastics manufacturer is going for an expansion, the first phase will create 5-6 jobs and 12 to 50 jobs over the next 5 years.

Bill Mrdeza: Excess water is an issue post storms. He noted to the group that if Emergency Management plans are not up to date, it would behoove you to ensure that they are specifically regarding the team working in response. From what he has heard regarding Isabella County, there has been a significant amount of leaning on the city for information even though this is a county led operation. The City and Tribe fire departments did a lot of the damage assessment with not much participation/help from the townships so the city stretched their resources, to do the County assessments.

Next time, the City would encourage the townships to do their own assessments. There are issues with volunteer Fire Departments which could make this difficult for some townships. \$87M was the initial damage assessment for the county. The 72-hour window to do the assessment is difficult because of the delay of flood waters to recede/flow through the watershed. Damage is not visible until water recedes after the 72 hours. There is significant loss in the parks. Lessons learned were that some information could have been provided up front from FEMA to avoid having to go back and re-do some assessments. FEMA advised afterward there is an app that you download and use for assessments, pictures are put right into the program, so pictures had to be re-taken. Lesson's learned. There was much discussion with the group regarding FEMA and the storm events.

Sandra Aultman: Gladwin County has gone through the same thing. There was discussion of FEMA re: flooding; also funding of the animal shelter will be including a millage request in November for funding support.

Tracy Byard: The County airport is working to get some things done in order to receive grant funds; other - busy with budget time right now.

Rosalie Myers: Roscommon received a \$30K feasibility grant for IBT; this past Wednesday night there was a public outreach meeting on this. The trail encompasses 22 miles, much through wetlands so route decisions and materials must be decided. Higgins Lake has a boat launch armed with volunteers to encourage boat washing before going into the lake to deter weed growth and invasive species. Houghton Lake now has a boat wash. Higgins Lake voted most beautiful lake in the state by Detroit Free Press. Discussion followed.

Kathy Methner: September 1, 2017 is her retirement date. Pam O'Loughlin is her replacement. She is staying with the RED Team until her term is up. MMDC is working on an EDA grant for the Beaverton Industrial Park. She is assisting the City of Beaverton and Gladwin EDC with this project and Beaverton Township project. She is staying on as a grant writer via contract with MMDC and MichiganWorks.

Mandi Chasey: Facade projects: down from 7 to 2 projects due to MEDC dis-enchantment, 5 businesses dropped out due to MEDC.

Steve Erickson: The Caro Center Hospital is staying, meaning there will be 100 new jobs. They were awarded a \$600K brownfield grant for 3 counties; two new manufacturers are trying to get built, but are having power availability issues.

Zygy D: There are Zoning issues in the county with Millington Township regarding rescinding their marijuana ordinances: Caro is doing an ordinance for dispensaries; Geneva Township ordinance allows marijuana production in a closed building. Kathy Methner: Just remember no federal money for infrastructure for anything that would benefit a medical marijuana facility. Discussion followed.

Belinda Baker joined the meeting at 11 a.m. and was designated as an Iosco County alternate by Jay O'Farrell, so a quorum exists.

The Full Council meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by Chairperson Moffit.

May 2017 Minutes

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/O'Farrell to approve the May 2017 minutes as amended. Showing Sandy Aultman present at May meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Transportation - David Engelhardt reported that the RTF is still having issues with their accounting - on the MDOT end of things. Still working on it. Downloadable Reports can be found on our website for the RPI plans and the Rural Safety program. EMCOG is now under contract to MDOT for the Bay Region Non-Motorized Plan and Bike Map Update for 15 counties. If anyone has any information on Non-Motorized facilities 15 counties, or current non-motorized or recreation plans, please send to Dave – he needs a copy of maps or data on local trails for possible interconnecting trails. Discussion followed.

Jane for Lynne - PASER going slow computer crashed, part of Gladwin had to be re-done. New hard drive also died, returned it and purchased a new laptop. Ratings will continue.

Special Projects – Bill Ernat reported that he’s working with Sanilac County on their Hazard Mitigation Plan update and they are making progress. Gratiot County approved our contract for their Hazard Mitigation Plan update with EMCOG. Three (3) Iron Belle Grants in our Region - Southern Links, City of Saginaw and Arenac County - are progressing. Hopefully, we will apply for additional funding for Arenac for engineering or construction expenses next fiscal year.

RPI-5 Updates – Jane Fitzpatrick reported that we are currently reviewing the 15 grant applications that were received for the Mini-grant program. There was a total of \$260,000 in requests and we have \$100,000 to award. One of the applications withdrew to pursue a new funding source. We now have 14 applications being reviewed and scored by a sub-committee of our collaborative. Scores were compiled yesterday and sent out to the subcommittee. There is a meeting on Monday to go over scoring and come up with recommendations that we’re taking to the Full Collaborative on the 25th, with announcements to be made by August 1st.

REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman’s Report – Chairman Moffit reported Gladwin formally received their EDA Grant Award and he will be going to Chicago in August for training. The City also received \$600,000 from MDOT for T hangers at the airport and another \$150,000 from Drummond Island Airport who had money they couldn’t use. There is a pre-construction meeting Tuesday morning at our airport.

Financial Report – presented by Zygmunt Dworzecki

Moved by C/Methner, seconded by C/Mrdeza to accept and file the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Old Business & NEW Business

2018 Work Program and Budget

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Byard to authorize distribution of the proposed 2018 DRAFT Work Program and Budget to member units when complete for review and comment. Motion carried.

2018 RPI Grant

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Methner to authorize EMCOG staff, in concert with the ECM-PR5 Collaborative, to apply for a 2018 Regional Prosperity Initiative grant. Motion carried.

City of Gladwin EDA grant provision of administrative services

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/O’Farrell to authorize the Executive Director and Bill Ernat, to travel to Chicago for training to provide administrative services to the City of Gladwin with their EDA application. Payment for said services to come from the City of Gladwin **EDA** Grant. Motion carried.

Federal Project Reviews

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Byard to approve project reviews for member projects thus authorizing their submission to the applicants and granting agencies and to acknowledge and assign numbers for the non-member applications with inclusion of review of projects not processed yet. Motion carried.

Lisa – Arenac has been working on the IBT from Omer to Au Gres. Preliminary engineering is done which is exciting and we are seeing progress. There are now a couple of new businesses in Arenac Count. Tractor Supply just closed

on their property in downtown Standish and one of the manufacturers in AuGres is looking to purchase a complimentary manufacturing business. Hopefully, we'll have something else coming into AuGres. That will put 4 manufacturers in the City of AuGres, which is extreme in a small city.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Council, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne