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Minutes of the ECM PR-5 Strategic Management Team

Date, Time and Location:

February 27, 2018 | 10:00 a.m.

Middle MI Development Corporation | 200 E. Broadway St. | Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

SMT Participants:

Maja Bolanowska	Midland Area Transportation Study
Doug Bush	Gratiot-Isabella ISD
Scott Govitz	Mid Michigan Community College
Jim McBryde	Middle MI Development Corporation
Pam O’Laughlin	Middle MI Development Corporation MI Works
Sheryl Presler	Clare-Gladwin RESD
Jim Wheeler	Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.

Agency Representatives

Rex Anslie	MDNR
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Guests

Kati Mora	Middle MI Development Corporation
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Jane Fitzpatrick	Program Manager – Economic Development/RPI
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Meeting was called to order by Jane Fitzpatrick at 10:03 am. Introductions were made of those present and those calling in.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved with no changes.

3. PR-5 2018 Grant Award: Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane provided a handout which included the revised budget for the \$180,997 grant award out of a \$250,000 grant application, which is the same amount as received for 2017. The revised budget eliminated a separate general cost item for support of the MEDC Region 5 Collaborative Talent Retention and Attraction project in order to retain as much of the mini

grant program as possible with the intent that the MEDC Region 5 Collaborative can apply for funding through the mini grant program. There was further discussion of the revised budget by those in attendance.

4. PR-5 2017 Mini Grant Presentation: *“Safety and Economic Development Challenges on US-127 between Ithaca and St. Johns, Michigan”*

Jim McBryde of the Mid Michigan Development Corporation provided an overview of the study, which was funded through EMCOG’s 2017 PR-5 mini grant program plus financial support from both Middle Michigan Development Corporation and Greater Gratiot Development Corporation. The study was conducted by Economic Development Research Group, Inc. A copy of the report was distributed electronically and provided as a handout during the meeting. Per Jim, it is harder to collect data on the economic development side to quantify what did not happen, but the safety issues are solid. They will be meeting with State Representative Tom Leonard in Lansing to discuss the study and its implications. Also the Michigan Business Radio network will be covering the study. A number of those present at the meeting gave suggestions for next steps with the report including submitting for a presentation at the MDOT conference coming up in July and sending it to the Michigan Association of Planning for a possible topic for the 2019 Transportation Bonanza that MAP conducts with MDOT. Rex Anslie, MDNR, brought up the wetlands issue regarding ROW to make sure that all are working together moving forward to keep coordination going.

5. PR-5 2018 Mini Grant Program/Process Discussion:

This group discussion determined that the initiative would be managed by a sub-committee and that it would remain basically the same as last year regarding primary focus areas. Jim Wheeler and Pam O’Laughlin volunteered to join those members of the 2017 sub-committee who wish to continue to serve for 2018. Scott Govitz expressed interest to remain on the sub-committee for 2018. Natasha Allen and Bill Mrdeza had already expressed interest in serving again in 2018. . Jane will contact the group to determine a meeting date in March. This sub-committee meeting will be in lieu of a regular full Strategic Management Team meeting for March.

6. Other Project Updates from Team Members and Guests:

Jim McBryde, Middle Michigan Development Corporation

Jim attending the MEDA Capitol Day at which candidates for Governor were each asked what they thought of regionalism and the prosperity zones. One candidate was more specific than others, expressing that if it isn’t broken, don’t fix it. Other candidates were non-committal in their responses.

7. Adjournment

There being no other reports or business, the meeting concluded at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Fitzpatrick

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

**2018 East Central Michigan Prosperity Region 5
Strategic Management Team Meeting Schedule**

MEETING DATE	TYPE	TIME	HOST/LOCATION
January 23, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Canceled
February 27, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Middle Michigan Development Corporation Mt Pleasant
March 27, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Canceled
April 24, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Clare-Gladwin RESD
May 22, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Mid Michigan Community College Mt Pleasant Campus
June 26, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	
July 24, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works Harrison
August 28, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	
September 25, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works Gladwin
October 23, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Mid Michigan Community College Harrison Campus
November 27, 2018	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Saginaw Future Inc. Saginaw
December , 2018			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>