

# EAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## Minutes of the May 22, 2018 Meeting of the RPI-5 Strategic Management Team

### Date, Time and Location:

May 22, 2018 | 10:00 a.m.

Mid Michigan Community College, Mt Pleasant Campus | Morey Technical Education Center |  
2600 S. Summerton Road | Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 |

### **SMT Participants:**

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| Jay Anderson     | BCATS                                   |
| Doug Bush        | Gratiot-Isabella RESD                   |
| Jennifer Carroll | Delta Community College                 |
| JoAnn Crary      | Saginaw Future, Inc.                    |
| Scott Govitz     | Mid Michigan Community College          |
| Trevor Keyes     | Bay Future, Inc.                        |
| Ed Oberski       | Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works          |
| Dan Peterson     | Central Area Michigan Works Consortium  |
| Erik Rodriguez   | Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe           |
| Rich Van Tol     | Bay Arenac ISD                          |
| Jim Wheeler      | Greater Gratiot Development Corporation |

### **Agency Representatives**

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| Meaghan Gass | MSU Extension, Michigan SEA Grant |
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### **Guests**

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| Sally Kniffen | Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe |
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| Jane Fitzpatrick | Programs Manager/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. Mid Michigan Community College Initiatives: – Scott Govitz, Economic and Workforce Development at MMCC**

Robert Guiliani gave a presentation on the Drone Training course that is being offered through MMCC in June at the Mt. Pleasant campus. It is an 18 hour Introduction to small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) or drones. He also gave a demonstration of drone operations. The class is designed to prepare students to successfully pass the remote pilot knowledge test and achieve FAA remote pilot certification. (Note: the flyer for the program was sent out via email following the meeting).

### **4. Overview of PR-5 2018 Mini & Micro Grant Applications Received: Jane Fitzpatrick**

Jane distributed a summary via email of all applications received for both the Mini and Micro grant program. The due date for applying was May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. The grant review committee will be meeting through June to score the projects. Based on the discussion at today's meeting regarding the number of applications to review (33 mini grant plus 9 micro grant applications compared to a total of 14 applications in 2017) and the time frame, the SMT determined that the announcement of funding date be moved from July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> and that there will be no meeting of the full SMT in June as the sub-committee will be meeting during this time to review applications and develop their recommendations to the full SMT. The recommendations will be brought to the full SMT at the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Further comments from the SMT included that the recommendations be sensitive to the geographic basis and investment in all communities throughout the region.

### **5. 2019 Regional Prosperity Initiative Status: Jane Fitzpatrick**

The language in the House Omnibus Appropriations bill as of today will be the language adopted by the Senate. The budget amount and the boilerplate appears to be the same as that adopted by the House. Changes in 2019: a tier one collaborative qualifies to receive a 1-time grant of not more than \$70,000 to produce a plan to transform the collaborative into a council or prosperity board or The RPI Collaborative (such as ours) may apply instead to use up to \$70,000 of this one time grant for integrated asset management under guidance from the Michigan Infrastructure Council. A region cannot apply for both. The boiler plate language includes another 5 year window for the initiative through 9/30/2022. Assuming the final budget bill includes continuation of the RPI Jane shared her thoughts for the PR-5 application for 2019 to include an assessment of the Strategy as approved in December of 2014 in preparation for developing an update of the 2015-2019 PR-5 Strategy. The SMT members present for the meeting agreed that an assessment is a good idea.

## **6. Other Project Updates from Team Members and Guests:**

### ***Doug Bush, Gratiot-Isabella RESD***

The K-12 school year is ending and the RESD is looking at enrollments for next year, keeping a close eye on the Marshall Plan and the implications of that. There are 20 different CTE related bills in the legislation process to follow right now. CTE seems to be a good place to be with the momentum for skilled trades collaboration being very good.

### ***Sally Kniffen, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe***

Sally is the environmental specialist as part of the environmental team for the Tribe. She is working on a number of initiatives with the support of funding through EPA and the Great Lakes Initiative: reducing waste; hosting disaster and waste issues training for the area and the wild lake rice initiative.

### ***Erik Rodriquez: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe***

He is looking at the Supreme Court ruling on sports gambling and the impact within the State along with online gaming issues. The construction of the hotel in Arenac County could be a few weeks ahead of schedule. The Mt. Pleasant renovations are going on through the end of August to early September.

### ***Rich Van Tol, Bay-Arenac ISD***

Regarding projects in early childhood development: (1) The BAISD is working with both the New Hope Valley in Saginaw Township and New Hope Bay in Hampton Township. The development is in phase 2 of build-out as an assisted living/memory care and now independent care facility. They have over 100 employees most of which are women with young children. They experience high attrition and absenteeism related to childcare issues and are looking at onsite childcare. The Hampton Township corridor has a high amount of assisted living facilities workers who need childcare. So far BAISD is in negotiations regarding the the New Hope Bay donation of property and partnering for childcare so that their employees will get a discount; and other non-employees of New Hope pay the going market rate. (2) Standish project: the Standish Elementary school building is available and there is interest in developing it similar to the Beaverton Activity Center model.

### ***Jim Wheeler, Greater Gratiot Development Corporation***

Jim gave a brief update of the GLB Talent Initiative and the focus of attracting alumni back to the region.

### ***Ed Oberski, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works***

Ed gave his support for the talent initiative project. If it works it will provide 70% of the talent need. In April the GLB Michigan Works region broke its record on filling jobs with over 1,000 job openings filled. Ed is retiring in June so this is his last meeting with this group.

*Jennifer Carroll, Delta College*

The Saginaw Downtown Center scheduled to open in the Fall of 2019. It will be a full service center providing greater access for students. Delta does have a Midland Center and is doing an evaluation for a possible different location in Midland for better accessibility and placement. Delta is making \$12.0M in facility improvements at the delta campus including trails, an outdoor observatory, new fields and other amenities. Delta will be recruiting later today for chemical processing sector operators.

*Meaghan Gass, MSU Extension, Michigan SEA Grant*

Meaghan introduced herself to the group and described a bit of what she is working on including the upcoming hazardous storms project webinars and summit. She is also working on youth engagement workshops regarding invasive species. Meaghan has offices in two locations: Bay City and Standish.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no other reports or business, the meeting concluded at 11:45 am.

**NOTE: The June meeting of the full PR-5 Strategic Management Team is canceled. The Sub Committee or review and scoring of the grant applications will be meeting and discussing their recommendations.**

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<sup>i</sup>

**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 | <b>Full Meeting Canceled</b>                                               |
| February 27, 2018  | RPI-5 Strategic Management Team | 10:00 am | Middle Michigan Development Corporation<br>Mt Pleasant                     |
| March 27, 2018     | RPI-5 Strategic Management Team | 10:00 am | <b>Full Meeting Canceled<br/>(sub committees will be meeting in March)</b> |
| 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<br>Mt Pleasant Campus                       |
| June 26, 2018      | RPI-5 Strategic Management Team | 10:00 am | <b>Full Meeting Canceled<br/>(sub committees will be meeting in June)</b>  |
| 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 | Beaverton Activity Center                                                  |
| November 27, 2018  | RPI-5 Strategic Management Team | 10:00 am | Saginaw Future Inc.<br>Saginaw                                             |
| December , 2018    |                                 |          | <b>No Meeting</b>                                                          |

*NOTE: Members of the public are always welcome at any Strategic Management Team meeting*

<sup>i</sup> <http://community.aiim.org/blogs/angela-ashenden/2013/04/16/what-is-a-collaborative-organisation>