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EMCOG FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, May 5, 2017

Riverwalk Place - 777 West Cedar Gladwin, MI 48624

DRAFT Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairperson Moffit.

Welcome to Gladwin County, Robert Moffit.

The Chair welcomed Council and guests to Gladwin County. Each guest introduced themselves. The Chair noted that we have two speakers today: Ryan Londrigan, MDEQ and Lee Shirey, USDOC/EDA.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Aultman to approve the March 3, 2017 Full Council minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Diane Suveda, CEO of the Sawmill Rural Business Center Incubator in the Village of Roscommon introduced herself and provided a brief overview of the initiative.

Program Updates

Chairman's Report:

- The Chair once again welcomed and thanked Ryan and Lee for joining us.
- MEDA's Spring Training will be held May 16th in Lansing. Please visit the MEDA website for additional information. www.MEDAweb.org.
- Last April The Rural Council of Michigan Conference held their annual conference at Crystal Mountain. This is an exceptional conference and all are encouraged to attend next year's event.
- Bill Mrdeza added that on May 16th, MAP will be hold their Spring Institute in Lansing as well.

Director's Report

The Director reported that:

- The bulk of her time during this period had been spent in program administration and compliance reports.
- We have received our formal Indirect Rate Certification for 2017 from the Department of Commerce/EDA.
- We continue to work with our RLF and hoping for more applications. A reminder: the Fund is restricted to Bay and Saginaw Counties.

- The Omnibus Bill, which funds the Government through September was passed with bi-partisan support. There were increases in EDA, FAST Act, FDA and Transit funding however there was a decrease in Employment and Training assistance for Workforce. Level funding was maintained for WIOA.
- We have now returned to NADO membership. We will be getting as much information from them as possible.
- As part of another project, we reached out to USDA regarding how much money they put into the Region in the past year. In 2016, an impressive \$80,819,396 was distributed by USDA in this Region. Some of the funding was in the form of loans but there were also many projects funded with grant funds. This demonstrates a great commitment to the Region. Jackie Morgan, USDA, assisted us with this request.
- Speed limits are going up.

Financial Report – presented by Zygmunt Dworzecki.

Motion by C/Methner, seconded by C/O’Farrell to accept and file the Treasurers’ report. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Asset Management – Lynne reported that the Transportation Asset Management Council will be having their Spring Conference in Mt. Pleasant on May 25th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Flyers are available. Lynne and Dave will be attending from the EMCOG offices.

Transportation Program:

David Engelhardt reported that:

- The Rural Task Force is moving forward. There have been bid savings this year, so all Task Forces are meeting in the next couple of weeks to re-allocate those savings.
- The Small Urban project in Clare-Farwell did not move forward and was re-allocated to a combination Road Commission and Farwell project.
- The Coordinated Mobility Study for this Region is wrapping up Phase 3. Staff have been having meetings with transit agencies regarding what they would like to do with listed priorities within the coordinated plans that were developed. Through that transit discussion, it was learned that Maureen Daugherty is trying to sponsor a new program for folks that can’t use existing public transit system because of off hours or cross county is a challenge.

Special Projects – Iron Belle Trail - Hazard Mitigation – Community Wildfire

Bill Ernat reported that:

- There is a report on the Iron Belle Trail there on the table and in packet. Three applications for this year’s MNRTF funding for Iron Belle related projects were submitted and approved. They are: Arenac County and the Southern Links Trail in Tuscola and Saginaw County.
- Hazard mitigation is still closing out the five (5) plans. Municipalities have had a chance to approve the plans and are encouraged to do so if they want to apply for funds.
- The Roscommon Count Wildfire Plan has been approved with nothing additional in the works at this time.
- Sanilac Hazard Mitigation Plan - a meeting has been scheduled for the first of June along with a public hearing.
- An update on the 2020 census pamphlet is on the table.
- 2020 census - in July they will be contacting every municipal agency asking them to participate with the local update.

GUESTS:

Lee Shirey, EDA – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION UPDATE –Chicago Region 5 presentation.

Lee Shirey provided a PowerPoint presentation on EDA funding particularly projects in the East Central Region. He was also available for questions throughout the meeting. There were several requests for copies of his PowerPoint however release of this information must be approved by EDA Chicago. He will advise if this is allowed.

Ryan Londrigan, Brownfield Coordinator presented a valuable update on the MDEQ Brownfield program. He also provided information regarding the new Vassar project grant and provided a variety of handouts.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**2017-2018 MDOT Transportation Planning Work Program**

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Mrdeza to authorize submission of the 2017-2018 MDOT Transportation Planning Work Program with appropriate officer signatures to contract when offered. Motion carried.

2018-2010 MDOT Master Agreement Signatures

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/O'Farrell to authorize submission to the 2018-2020 MDOT Master Agreements with appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

2017-2018 MDOT Rural Task Force Management Project Authorization:

Moved by C/O'Farrell, seconded by C/Dworzecki to authorize submission to the 2017-2018 MDOT Rural Task Force Management Work Program with appropriate officer signatures to contract when offered. Motion carried.

2017-2018 Asset Management Work Program:

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Methner to authorize submission to the 2017-2018 Asset Management Work Program with appropriate officer signatures to contract when offered. Motion carried.

2017-2018 M-15 Heritage Route Byway Work Program

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/O'Farrell to authorize submission to the 2017-2018 M-15 Heritage Route Byway contract with appropriate officer signatures to contract when offered. Motion carried.

2017-2018 MDNR Iron Belle Trail

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Mrdeza to authorize submission to 2018 Work Plan to MDNR for Iron Belle Trail funding if offered and to authorize the officers to sign a contract if offered. Motion carried.

Michigan Federal Project Review

Moved by C/Dworzecki, seconded by C/Adams 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 on-member applications. Motion carried.

ECM PR-5 Strategic Management Team Update – presented by Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane provided an overview of the ECM PR-5 work including the Mini Grant Call for Projects announcement and provided an overview of what the grant committee (a sub-committee of the PR-5 Strategic Management Team) is working on. The packet will be sent out by May 15th. The grant application will be a short form, no more than 4 pages including attachments if necessary. Applications are due by June 15th; the review and ranking by the Strategic Management Team completed by the end of their July 25th meeting; and announcements of awards August 1st. A match is required but is not defined. The grant size is \$2,000 to \$20,000 but smaller or larger grant awards will be considered on a case by case basis. The sustainability of a project is a priority, along with furthering the PR-5 Strategy. The Chair recognized Jackie Morgan, USDA Rural Development who provided a short update on USDA's regional office work.

Commissioner reports and/or updates

Jane reported that Senator Stabenow is in the area today and tomorrow. She is in Frankenmuth tomorrow 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to obtain public input on the Farm Bill at MSU Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center on Reese Road in Frankenmuth.

Jay O'Farrell stated that the Council's next meeting will be in East Tawas at their City Hall.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Next scheduled meeting is July 14, 2017).

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne



ADOPTED 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
January 27, 2017	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Saginaw – Andersen Enrichment Center
March 3, 2017 (March 10 th – if inclement weather on the 3rd)	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Michigan Works-Ogemaw County – West Branch
May 5, 2017	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Gladwin – Riverwalk Place
July 14, 2017	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	East Tawas City Hall - Iosco County
September 8, 2017	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Tuscola County EDC - Caro
November 3, 2017	Full Council	10:00 a.m.	Roscommon Area District Library – Roscommon County

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.

Adopted 11-4-16

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.
- * Be respectful regarding use of smart phones and other technologies.

We hope you enjoy your time with us!