

Executive/Governance Committee
Monday, March 13, 2017
Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, MI

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Committee members present: Corey Carland, Chris Christensen, Gary Fedus, Mike Hill, Beth Holmes-Bozung, Paul Hresko, Caroline Kennedy, Bill Kennis, Josh Mills, Betty Workman, Elaine Wood.

Committee members absent: Mike Ascione, Jeff Jennette, Doug Parkes, Sue Peters.

Staff present: Denise Culman, Darla Rowland, Matt McCauley, Terry Vandercook, Steve Shugart.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Vice Chair, Gary Fedus at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Executive/Governance Committee meeting minutes of October 10, 2016 were reviewed.

Motion by B. Kennis, supported by C. Kennedy, to approved the 11/7/16 Executive/Governance Committee minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Beaver Island Lighthouse School – legal and logistical issues

The committee members discussed at length the on-going issues related to the Beaver Island Lighthouse School, in terms of potential for future re-opening of the school, and also the damages from frozen water pipes in the lighthouse. A letter was received from an attorney representing Charlevoix Public School's insurance company SET-SEG, suggesting a negotiated settlement process on the damages. The committee appointed a sub-committee to handle this process on behalf of the board, and the sub-committee members selected by consensus were: Chris Christensen, Gary Fedus, Mike Hill, Paul Hresko, and Doug Parkes.

Motion by B. Kennis, supported by P. Hresko, to have the sub-committee of the Executive Committee hire an attorney, follow up on the letter from SET-SEG's attorney, and handle the negotiations among the parties, in order to bring a recommendation back to the full Executive Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

At-large board replacements

Staff brought forth a recommendation to fill a vacancy for the at-large board seat representing Chambers of Commerce, in light of Bill Tencza's resignation due to his retirement. Discussion took place.

Motion by B. Kennis, supported by P. Hresko, to recommend board appointment of Stacie Bytwork, President of the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, to the Networks Northwest Board for a three-year term ending 12/31/19. Motion passed unanimously.

Pugsley Correctional Facility

Staff brought forward the topic of the Pugsley Correctional Facility property in the Kingsley area, which is now in the process of becoming surplus following the closing of the facility. A couple people from the state legislature and governor's office had mentioned to staff that they would be interested in giving the property to Networks Northwest. Discussion took place about the various aspects of the property and potential uses, including but not limited to educational facilities, business incubators, commercial kitchens, transitional workforce housing, and more. Staff

expressed concerns about the “carrying costs” associated with the property including security. It was agreed that it is not likely to be a realistic endeavor for the agency, but staff would continue to bring further information forward as it becomes available.

CEO transition update

E. Wood and M. McCauley reported that the CEO transition process is going very well. On a regular basis (weekly or monthly), new subjects are added for background and details related to transition, and the entire executive team is taking part in the transition process, using it as an opportunity to ensure that institutional knowledge is being sustained.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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