

NETWORKS NORTHWEST BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2017

Roll Call

Present: Eric Bachmann; Ken Bollman; Michael Cain; Coury Carland; Chris Christensen; Jim Cook; Andy Hayes; Beth Holmes-Bozung; Jeff Jennette; Gene Kaminski; Bill Kennis; Jane Korthase; Kristine Lagios; Doug Luciani; Michael MacCready; Tom Mair; Tim Nelson; Doug Parkes; Sue Peters; Kim Pontius Doug Rath; Bob Scheele; Richard Schmidt; Dean Smallegan; Nicole Sulak; Tom Vine; Kim Weckesser; Chuck Welch; Ty Wessell Betty Workman.

Absent:

Jamie Al-Shamma; Mike Ascione; Lee Ballard; Jim Barnard; Ed Boettcher; Stacie Bytwork; Alan Cooper; Gary Fedus; Mike Groleau; Amanda Hawthorn; Mike Hill; Paul Hresko; Rachel Johnson; Caroline Kennedy; Chuck Lombardo; Douglas Mansfield; Stuart McKinnon; Josh Mills; Joe Moch; Leslie Nowlin; Ken Osborne; Tracy Peal; Steve Perdue; Mike Powers; Jim Smith; Marsha Smith; John Stakoe; Clint Steele; John Stephenson; Kelli Stepka; Barb VonVoigtlander; Chris Warren.

Staff present: Elaine Wood; Matt McCauley; Terry Vandercook; Darla Rowland; Anne Helbig; Steve Shugart; Denise Culman; Dana Vanhuizen; Evelyn Szpliet.

Guests present: Jason Jeffrey, Tom Slater.

Call to Order and introductions

Sue Peters, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Networks Northwest Minutes of August 14, 2017

S. Peters asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Networks Northwest minutes of August 14, 2017. Hearing none, she asked for approval.

Motion by D. Parkes, supported by R. Schmidt, to approve the Networks Northwest minutes for August 14, 2017 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

S. Peters asked if there were any items requested for removal from the Consent Agenda for discussion beyond a simple question. There were none. E. Wood then gave a short verbal staff report.

- a. CEO report
- b. Finance/Audit Committee minutes of 8/14/17
- c. Prosperity Index Committee minutes of 8/14/17
- d. Quality Assurance Committee minutes of 8/14/17
- e. Executive Committee minutes of 8/14/17 & 9/5/17
- f. Council of Governments round-table 8/14/17
- e. Talent District Career Council Committee minutes of 6/28/17

Motion by K. Bollman, supported by M. MacCready, to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda

None.

Executive Committee report

- a. BILS property & legal issues (recommend closed session)

Motion by R. Schmidt, supported by C. Carland, to go into closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

K. Bollman presented the Finance Committee report. He briefly presented all the information the committee had reviewed and stated that the budgets and expenditures are all in good order. Questions were answered.

- a. Networks Northwest budget report of 8/31/17

Motion by K. Bollman, supported by D. Parkes, to accept the Networks Northwest budget report of 8/31/17 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. NW Michigan Works! Inc. budget report of 8/31/17

Motion by K. Bollman, supported by B. Holmes-Bozung, to accept the NW Michigan Works! Inc. budget report of 8/31/17 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Review of financial policies

K. Bollman reported that the committee has undertaken a process of reviewing all the board-adopted financial policies and will bring one or two minor recommendations to the board at its December meeting.

Strategic discussion topic: Talent Pipeline Development

A presentation was made by a variety of staff members, highlighting the numerous activities that are underway through Networks Northwest and Northwest Michigan Works! to improve the talent pipeline for both youth and adults. They stressed the organizational partnerships that are involved in these various activities. Problems and shortcomings were then addressed, including but not limited to: lack of scale; decreasing funding; inadequate or outdated policy at federal and state levels; absence of one or more large, dominant employers in the region to provide financial and other leadership.

Staff presented four questions for board discussion, and considerable time was given for board input.

- How can we get the private sector much more involved?
- How can we scale up our successful activities?

Numerous ideas were presented by board members as a result of the discussion, and staff will follow up.

Board member and staff comments & announcements

E. Wood expressed condolences on behalf of the board and staff to Doug Parkes on the death of his father.

Correspondence

Various news releases, articles, and items of correspondence were included in the board packet.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Culman

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Recording Secretary

Check In Sheet

✓	#	First Name	Last Name	Title
	1	Jamie	Al-Shamma	Executive Vice President, Bay Construction
	2	Mike	Ascione - excused	CEO, American Waste
✓	3	Eric	Bachmann	Regional Manager, MI Rehabilitation Services
	4	Lee	Ballard	
	5	Jim	Barnard	Owner, Barnard Engineering
✓	6	Ed	Boettcher	Antrim County Commissioner
✓	7	Kenneth	Bollman	President, Saber Tool Company
	8	Stacie	Bytwork - excused	Executive Director, Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce
	9	Michael	Cain	Manager, City of Boyne City
✓	10	Coury	Carland	County Commissioner, Benzie
✓	11	Chris	Christensen	County Commissioner, Charlevoix
✓	12	Jim	Cook	Manager, Grand Traverse County Road Commission
	13	Alan	Cooper	Manager, Wexford County Road Commission
	14	Gary	Fedus - excused	President, Mitchell Graphics
	15	Mike	Groleau- excused	Co-owner/Project Manager, RJG, Inc
	16	Amanda	Haworth	HR Director, Boyne Resorts
✓	17	Andy	Hayes	President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance
	18	Mike	Hill	Superintendent, TBA ISD
	19	Beth	Holmes-Bozung	Co-Owner, SafetyNet Inc
	20	Paul	Hresko - excused	HR Manager, Armor Express
	21	Jeff	Jennette - excused	Superintendent, Wexford-Missaukee & Manistee ISD
✓	22	Rachel	Johnson - excused	Public Affairs, Cherryland Electric
✓	23	Gene	Kaminski	HR Director, McLaren Northern Michigan
	24	Caroline	Kennedy - excused	Assistant Village Manager/Clerk, Village of Elk Rapids
✓	25	Bill	Kennis	Executive Director, Benzie Transportation Authority
✓	26	Jane	Korthase	Human Resources Director, Grandvue Medical Care Facility
✓	27	Kristine	Lagios	DHS Director, DHS -Benzie & Manistee Counties
✓	28	Doug	Luciani	President, TC Area Chamber; Northern MI Chamber Alliance
	29	Chuck	Lombardo	Director of Marketing & Communications, Northern MI Chamber Alliance
✓	30	Michael	MacCready	County Commissioner, Wexford
✓	31	Tom	Mair	Grand Traverse County Commissioner
	32	Douglas	Mansfield	President, MI Township Association
	33	Stuart	McKinnon	County Commissioner, Kalkaska
	34	Josh	Mills	Manager, City of Frankfort
	35	Joe	Moch	CEO, ACAT Global
✓	36	Tim	Nelson	President, NMC
	37	Leslie	Nowlin	HR System Administrator, Rec Boat Holdings LLC
	38	Ken	Osborne - excused	Vice President of Manufacturing, Boride Engineered Abrasive
✓	39	Douglas	Parkes	Co-Owner, Kellie's Hallmark Shop
	40	Tracey	Peal	Vice President, Hague Equipment company of MI Inc
	41	Steve	Perdue - excused	President & CEO, Grand Traverse Industries –GTI
✓	42	Sue	Peters	Vice President-Human Resources, Munson Medical Center

✓	43	Kim	Pontius	CEO, Traverse Association of Realtors
	44	Mike	Powers	Energy Solutions Consultant, Keene Technical Solutions
✓	45	Doug	Rath	Graceland Fruit, Inc.
✓	46	Bob	Scheele	Vice President, Central Labor Council
✓	47	Richard	Schmidt	County Commissioner, Manistee
✓	48	Dean	Smallegan	County Commissioner, Missaukee
	49	Jim	Smith - excused	Controls Designer, Tool North Inc
	50	Marsha	Smith - excused	Executive Director, Rotary Charities & NorthSky Non-Profit Network
	51	John	Stakoe	Emmet County Commissioner
	52	Clint	Steele	Plumber & Pipefitter, UAW Local 85
	53	John	Stephenson - excused	Executive Director, NW MI Community Action Agency
	54	Kelli	Stepka	Human Resource Manager, Cherry Republic
✓	55	Nicole	Sulak	CPA, Plante Moran
✓	56	Tom	Vine	Plant Manager, Viking Energy
✓	57	Barb	VonVoigtlander	Administrative Coordinator, Village of Northport
	58	Chris	Warren - excused	General Manager, Midwest Broadcasting Company
✓	59	Kim	Weckesser	Director Human Resources, West Shore Medical Center
✓	60	Chuck	Welch	Parole Field Supervisor, State of MI Dept of Corrections
✓	61	Ty	Wessell	County Commissioner, Leelanau
✓	62	Betty	Workman	Owner, Vacation Trailer Park & Sales Inc

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	#	First Name	Last Name	Title
	1	Jason	Jeffery	
	2	Elaine	Wood	Networks Northwest
	3	Matt	McCauley	Networks Northwest
	4	Terry	Vandercook	Networks Northwest/NW Michigan Works!
	5	Darla	Rowland	Networks Northwest
	6	Anne	Helbig	Networks Northwest
	7	Steve	Shugart	Networks Northwest
	8	Denise	Culman	Networks Northwest
	9	Dana	Venhuizen	NW MI Works
	10	Evelyn	Szpliet	NW MI Works
	11	Tom	Slater	Videographer
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