

NETWORKS NORTHWEST BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2020

Present: Eric Bachmann; Michael Cain; Chris Christensen; Doug DeYoung; Gary Fedus; Andy Hayes; Bryce Hundley; Bill Kennis; Jane Korthase; Pat Lamb; Kristine Lagios; Lisa Leedy; Charlie MacInnis; Steve Perdue; Richard Schmidt; Dean Smallegan; Chuck Welch; Ty Wessell.

Absent: Sean Adams; Jamie Al-Shamma; Diane Allington; Mike Ascione; Jim Barnard; Ed Boettcher; Stacie Bytwork; Alan Cooper; Kohn Fisher; Chip Johnston; Scott LaDeur; Douglas Mansfield; Josh Mills; Leslie Nowlin; Sue Peters; Bob Scheele; Clint Steele; Kelli Stepka; Jim Smith; Nicole Sulak; Ben Townsend; Tom Vine; Chris Warren; Evan Warsecke; Kim Weckesser.

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

Guests present: Mike Krombeen, Midwest Strategy; Sarah Perry, Telamon Corporation

Call to Order and introductions

G. Fedus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Networks Northwest Board Minutes of August 3, 2020

G. Fedus asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Networks Northwest Board meeting minutes of August 3, 2020. Hearing none, he asked for approval.

Motion by M. Cain, supported by T. Wessell, to approve the Networks Northwest Board meeting minutes for August 3, 2020 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

G. Fedus asked if there were any items requested for removal from the Consent Agenda for discussion beyond a simple question.

- a. Executive Committee minutes of 9/14/20
- b. COG Board Minutes of 8/3/20
- c. Networks Northwest/NW Michigan Works! dashboard as of 7/31/20

Motion by C. MacInnis, supported by M. Cain, to accept the consent agenda as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

Item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda

None.

CEO Report

M. McCauley added detail to the CEO Report provided, including the distribution and impact of the \$4,500,000 in Small Business Restart Grants administered by Networks Northwest. He stated that over 300 Northwest Businesses received much needed assistance and that it could not have been done without the partnerships from the Alliance for Economic Success, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Traverse Connect, and the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce.

Finance Report

D. Rowland presented the Finance Committee reports.

- a. Networks Northwest/NW Michigan Works! dashboard as of 8/31/20

Motion by M. Cain, supported by A. Hayes, to accept the Networks Northwest/NW Michigan Works! Dashboard as of 8/31/20 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Networks Northwest budget report of 8/31/20
- c. Northwest Michigan Works! Inc. budget report of 8/31/20

Motion by R. Schmidt, supported by M. Cain, to accept the Networks Northwest Budget report and Northwest Michigan Works! budget report as of 8/31/20 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

State of Michigan Elections and FY21 Budget Update

M. Krombeen of Midwest Strategy Group provided an update of the State's budget process and the upcoming elections. Board member questions and related discussion ensued.

Board member and staff comments & announcements

None.

Correspondence

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Culman

Recording Secretary

Check In Sheet

✓	#	First Name	Last Name	Title & Agency
	1	Sean	Adams	President, Bear Lake Hardware
	2	Diane	Allington	Owner, Master Craft Extrusion Tools, Inc
	3	Jamie	Al-Shamma	Executive Vice President, Bay Construction
	4	Mike	Ascione	CEO, American Waste
✓	5	Eric	Bachmann	Regional Manager, MI Rehabilitation Services
	6	Jim	Barnard - excused	Owner, Barnard Engineering
	7	Ed	Boettcher	Antrim County Commissioner
	8	Stacie	Bytwork	Executive Director, Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce
✓	9	Michael	Cain	Manager, City of Boyne City
✓	10	Chris	Christensen	County Commissioner, Charlevoix
	11	Alan	Cooper - excused	Manager, Wexford County Road Commission
✓	12	Doug	DeYoung	Community Affairs Manager, Consumers Energy
✓	13	Gary	Fedus	President, Mitchell Graphics
	14	Kohn	Fisher	Chair, Kalkaska County
✓	15	Andy	Hayes	President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance
✓	16	Bryce	Hundley	Commissioner, Grand Traverse County
	17	Chip	Johnston - excused	Executive Director, Centra Wellness (Manistee/Benzie Community Mental Health)
✓	18	Bill	Kennis	Executive Director, Benzie Transportation Authority
✓	19	Jane	Korthase	Human Resources Director, Grandvue Medical Care Facility
	20	Scott	LaDeur	Professor, North Central Michigan College
✓	21	Kristine	Lagios	DHS Director, DHS -Benzie & Manistee Counties
✓	22	Pat	Lamb	Principal, TBA ISD CTC
✓	23	Lisa	Leedy	Owner, Sky Telecom
✓	24	Charlie	MacInnis	Commissioner, Emmet County
	25	Douglas	Mansfield	President, MI Township Association
	26	Josh	Mills	Manager, City of Frankfort
	27	Leslie	Nowlin	HR Manager, 9 & 10 News
✓	28	Steve	Perdue	President & CEO, Grand Traverse Industries -GTI
	29	Sue	Peters	Vice President-Human Resources, Munson Medical Center
	30	Bob	Scheele	Vice President, Central Labor Council
✓	31	Richard	Schmidt	County Commissioner, Manistee
✓	32	Dean	Smallegan	County Commissioner, Missaukee
	33	Jim	Smith	Controls Designer, Tool North Inc
	34	Clint	Steele - excused	Plumber & Pipefitter, UAW Local 85
	35	Kelli	Stepka	Human Resource Manager, Cherry Republic
	36	Nicole	Sulak - excused	Director of Accounting, Munson Medical Center
	37	Ben	Townsend	Commissioner, Wexford County
	38	Tom	Vine	Plant Manager, Viking Energy
	39	Chris	Warren	General Manager, Midwest Broadcasting Company
	40	Kim	Weckesser - excused	Director Human Resources, West Shore Medical Center
	41	Evan	Warsecke	Commissioner, Benzie County - Alternate Art Jeannot attended
✓	42	Chuck	Welch	Parole Field Supervisor, State of MI Dept of Corrections

✓	43	Ty	Wessell	County Commissioner, Leelanau

Staff and Guests				
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	#	First Name	Last Name	Title & Agency
✓	1	Mike	Krombeen	Midwest Strategy
✓	2	Sarah	Perry	Telamon Corporation
✓	3	Matt	McCauley	Networks Northwest
✓	4	Denise	Culman	Networks Northwest
✓	5	Steve	Shugart	Networks Northwest
✓	6	Darla	Rowland	Networks Northwest
✓	7	Terry	Vandercook	NW MI Works!
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