

**Networks Northwest County Consortium
(Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Board)**

Monday, April 5, 2021

Zoom Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

This Networks Northwest Board Meeting is informational only and will be held remotely via Zoom.com

No formal action will be provided to any agenda item.

Present: Ed Boettcher, Antrim County; Art Jeannot, Benzie County; Chris Christensen, Charlevoix County; Charlie MacInnis, Emmet County; Bryce Hundley, GT County; Patricia Soutas-Little, Leelanau County; ; Richard Schmidt, Manistee County; Dean Smallegan, Missaukee County; Ben Townsend, Wexford County.

Absent: Kohn Fisher, Kalkaska County.

Staff present: Matt McCauley, Denise Culman.

Guests present:

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by C. Christensen.

Public Comment

No comment

Minutes of February 1, 2020

C. Christensen said the minutes were in the packet but no action can be taken.

No questions posed and no action was taken. It is anticipated that action will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CEO Comments

M. McCauley provided a synopsis of Networks Northwest activities, with specific attention to the agency's role in providing direct funding to area businesses directly impacted by COVID related policies. He said that Networks Northwest has administered millions of dollars in business aid to the region. Brief discussion ensued.

American Rescue Plan Overview- Counties

M. McCauley provided a brief overview of the American Rescue Plan, with specific attention given to the direct aid dollars provided to states and local governments. He outlined some of the parameters for the direct funding and suggested that the counties take their time in understanding how the dollars and can be used and their maximized potential effect in each community before decisions are made. Brief discussion ensued.

County round-table discussion

Discussion regarding common matters among area counties.

Public comment

No public comment.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Culman,

Recording Secretary

Date April 5, 2021

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Check In Sheet

✓	#	First Name	Last Name	County
✓	1	Ed	Boettcher	Antrim County
✓	2	Art	Jeannot	Benzie County
✓	3	Chris	Christensen	Charlevoix County
✓	4	Charlie	MacInnis	Emmet County
✓	5	Bryce	Hundley	Grand Traverse County
	6	Kohn	Fisher	Kalkaska County
✓	7	Patricia	Soutas-Little	Leelanau County
✓	8	Richard	Schmidt	Manistee County
✓	9	Dean	Smallegan	Missaukee County
✓	10	Ben	Townsend	Wexford County

Staff and Guests

	#	First Name	Last Name	Agency
✓	1	Matt	McCauley	Networks Northwest
✓	2	Denise	Culman	Networks Northwest
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