

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

Monday, August 2, 2021

DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

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: Michael Krombeen, Midwest Strategy Group

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by C. Christensen.

Public Comment

No comment

Minutes of June 7, 2021

C. Christensen asked for approval of the minutes.

Motion by R. Schmidt, supported by A. Jeannot, to approve the June 7, 2021 minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

EDA Grant Opportunity – County Broadband Mapping

M. McCauley outlined a potential grant opportunity for the Board to consider. County Commissioners reported varying degrees of broadband implementation activity in their respective counties. Consensus that likely not enough similarities between all counties to pursue a shared grant opportunity through Networks Northwest.

State of Michigan Government Update

M. Krombeen of Midwest Strategy Group provided the Commissioners an update on some of the most recent legislative activities, including short term rental and broadband legislation.

County round-table discussion

Discussion regarding common matters among area counties.

M. McCauley said that Eric Bachman, MRS had taken a different position in the agency and could no longer be on the board. He stated that Todd Miner will be taking the position of Regional Manager at MI Rehabilitation Services.

Public comment

No public comment.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Culman,

Recording Secretary

Date August 2, 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
✓	3	Michael	Krombeen	Midwest Strategy Group
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