

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

**Monday, December 7, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Ed Boettcher, Antrim County; Chris Christensen, Charlevoix County; Charlie MacInnis, Emmet County; Ty Wessell, Leelanau County; Richard Schmidt, Manistee County; Dean Smallegan, Missaukee County; Ben Townsend, Wexford County.

**Absent:** Evan Warsecke, Benzie County; Bryce Hundley, GT County; Kohn Fisher, Kalkaska County.

**Staff present:** Matt McCauley, Denise Culman.

**Guests present:**

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by C. Christensen, Chair.

**Public Comment**

No comment

**Minutes of August 3, 2020**

C. Christensen asked for approval of the August 3, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion by R. Schmidt, supported by T. Wessell, to approve the August 3, 2020 Networks Northwest County Consortium Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**CEO Comments**

M. McCauley provided additional detail to the CEO Report included with the Networks Northwest Board Packet. He focused on the high level of activity with regard to service to area small businesses, including financial and technical assistance.

**Northwest MI Workforce Development Board Member Appointments**

M. McCauley stated that, per the agency's bylaws and federal regulations, some of the workforce development board positions are appointed using the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Board. He explained that all, but one of the proposed appointment are reappointments.

Proposed:

- Dave Emmel, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance ("economic development" appointment)
- Jane Korthase, Grandview Medical Care (re-appointment)
- Kris Lagios, Department of Health & Human Services (re-appointment)
- Eric Bachman, Michigan Rehabilitation Services (re-appointment)

Motion by R. Schmidt, supported by C. MacInnis, to approve Northwest MI Workforce Development Board Member Appointments. Motion passed unanimously.

**"Thrive North" Economic Development Project Update**

M. McCauley provided an update and tutorial on the forthcoming "Thrive North" project which is intended to provide baseline information gathering and economic asset marketing for the entire region, with a focus on those areas with a basic infrastructure for economic development.

**County round-table discussion**

Discussion regarding common matters among area counties.

**Public comment**

No public comment.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise Culman*, Recording Secretary

Date December 7, 2020

## Networks Northwest County Consortium

### Check In Sheet

✓	#	First Name	Last Name	County
✓	1	Ed	Boettcher	Antrim County
	2	Evan	Warsecke	Benzie County
✓	3	Chris	Christensen	Charlevoix County
✓	4	Charlie	MacInnis	Emmet County
	5	Bryce	Hundley	Grand Traverse County
	6	Kohn	Fisher	Kalkaska County
✓	7	Ty	Wessel	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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