

# NETWORKS NORTHWEST BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

### Zoom Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021

**This Networks Northwest Board Meeting is informational only and will be held remotely via Zoom.com in order to comply with DHHS Emergency Order Restrictions on gatherings of 25 people or more.**

**No formal action will be provided to any agenda item.**

**Present:** Sean Adams; Eric Bachmann; Ken Bollman; Michael Cain; Alan Cooper; David Cox; Doug DeYoung; Kelly Dunham; Dave Emmel; Mary Faculak; Gary Fedus; Bryce Hundley; Art Jeannot; Chip Johnston; Bill Kennis; Jane Korthase; Pat Lamb; Shaun Lamp; Lisa Leedy; Charlie MacInnis; Steve Perdue; Sue Peters; Richard Schmidt; Gabe Schneider; Matt Skeels; Patricia Soutas-Little; Nicole Sulak; Rob Summers; Trevor Tkach; Ben Townsend.

**Absent:** Jamie Al-Shamma; Jim Barnard; Ed Boettcher; Stacie Bytwork; Chris Christensen; Kohn Fisher; Scott LaDeur; Kristine Lagios; Doug Luciani; Leslie Nowlin; Bob Scheele; Dean Smallegan; Clint Steele; Kelli Stepka; Jim Smith; Chris Warren; Chuck Welch.

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

**Guests present:** Tracy Torres

### Call to Order and introductions

S. Peters, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting.

### Meeting Format Overview

S. Peters stated that due to the incongruity between MIOSHA and DHHS Emergency Orders, there was uncertainty on if formal action could be taken on any of the presented agenda items. She explained that as a result, all agenda items will be presented as information only and are anticipated that any items needing action will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### Public Comment

None.

### Meeting Minutes

S. Peters presented the meeting minutes.

- a. Networks Northwest Board minutes of February 1, 2021
- b. NNW Executive Committee minutes of March 1, 2021
- c. NWMCOG County Consortium Board minutes of February 1, 2021

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

### CEO Report

M. McCauley provided additional details to the information provided within the CEO Report. Brief discussion ensued.

### Finance Report

D. Rowland presented the Finance Committee reports.

- a. Networks Northwest/NW Michigan Works! dashboard as of 2/28/21
- b. Networks NW/NW Michigan Works! dashboard as of 1/31/21
- c. Networks Northwest budget report of 2/28/21
- d. Northwest Michigan Works! Inc. budget report of 2/28/21
- e. Networks NW/NW Michigan Works! Audit Update

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

**Thrive North Project Website Presentation**

M. McCauley provided an overview of an Michigan Economic Development Corporation funded project named, "Thrive North." He explained that the purpose of the project is to provide real and potential business investors to the region a "one stop shop" to area information. He further explained that the site and corresponding resources, in partnership with local economic development organizations in the region, will highlight specific Northwest Michigan communities as means to market and spur economic development. Brief discussion ensued.

**2021 NNW Business Development Summit**

T. Vandercook provided an overview of the upcoming Networks Northwest Business Development Summit. He stated that the virtual summit is intended to provide area employers access to an overview of the agency's business development programming as well as inspiration from the keynote speaker, Angie Morgan.

M. McCauley stated that all Board members are invited to attend at no charge.

**American Rescue Plan Overview**

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 communities take their time in understanding how the dollars can be used and their maximized potential effect in each community before decisions are made. Brief 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	Jamie	Al-Shamma - excused	Executive Vice President, Bay Construction
✓	3	Eric	Bachmann	Regional Manager, MI Rehabilitation Services
	4	Jim	Barnard	Owner, Barnard Engineering
	5	Ed	Boettcher	Antrim County Commissioner
✓	6	Ken	Bollman	President, Saber Too
	7	Stacie	Bytwork	Executive Director, Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce
✓	8	Michael	Cain	Manager, City of Boyne City
	9	Chris	Christensen	County Commissioner, Charlevoix
✓	10	Alan	Cooper	Manager, Wexford County Road Commission
✓	11	Dave	Cox	Superintendent, Wexford/Missaukee ISD & Manistee ISD
✓	12	Doug	DeYoung	Community Affairs Manager, Consumers Energy
✓	13	Kelly	Dunham	Executive Director, Bay Area Transportation Authority
✓	14	Dave	Emmel	President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance
✓	15	Mary	Faculak	President, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce
✓	16	Gary	Fedus	President, Mitchell Graphics
	17	Kohn	Fisher	Chair, Kalkaska County
✓	18	Bryce	Hundley	Commissioner, Grand Traverse County
✓	19	Art	Jeannot	Commissioner, Benzie County
✓	20	Chip	Johnston	Executive Director, Centra Wellness (Manistee/Benzie Community Mental Health)
✓	21	Bill	Kennis	Executive Director, Benzie Transportation Authority
✓	22	Jane	Korthase	Human Resources Director, Grandvue Medical Care Facility
	23	Scott	LaDeur	Professor, North Central Michigan College
	24	Kristine	Lagios	DHS Director, DHS -Benzie & Manistee Counties
✓	25	Pat	Lamb	Principal, TBA ISD CTC
✓	26	Shaun	Lamp	CEO, Truestream
✓	27	Lisa	Leedy	Owner, Sky Telecom
	28	Doug	Luciani - excused	Vice-President, Cunningham-Limp Development
✓	29	Charlie	MacInnis	Commissioner, Emmet County
	30	Leslie	Nowlin	HR Manager, 9 & 10 News
✓	31	Steve	Perdue	President & CEO, Grand Traverse Industries -GTI
✓	32	Sue	Peters	Vice President-Human Resources, Munson Medical Center
	33	Bob	Scheele	Vice President, Central Labor Council
✓	34	Richard	Schmidt	County Commissioner, Manistee
✓	35	Gabe	Schneider	Trustee, Cherryland Electric Co-op
✓	36	Matt	Skeels	Manager, Benzie County Road Commission
✓	37	Dean	Smallegan	County Commissioner, Missaukee
	38	Jim	Smith	Controls Designer, Tool North Inc
✓	39	Patricia	Soutas-Little	County Commissioner, Leelanau
	40	Clint	Steele	Plumber & Pipefitter, UAW Local 85
	41	Kelli	Stepka - excused	Human Resource Manager, Cherry Republic
✓	42	Nicole	Sulak	Director of Accounting, Munson Medical Center

✓	43	Rob	Summers	Senior Business Advisor, MI Manufacturing Technology Center
✓	44	Trevor	Tkach	President, Traverse City Tourism
✓	45	Ben	Townsend	Commissioner, Wexford County
	46	Chris	Warren	General Manager, Midwest Broadcasting Company
	47	Chuck	Welch	Parole Field Supervisor, State of MI Dept of Corrections

<b>Staff and Guests</b>
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#	First Name	Last Name	Title & Agency	
✓	1	Matt	McCauley	Networks Northwest
✓	2	Denise	Culman	Networks Northwest
✓	3	Darla	Rowland	Networks Northwest
✓	4	Terry	Vandercook	NW MI Works!
✓	5	Tracy	Torres	Workforce and Career Services Program Coordinator, Telamon Corporation
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