

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

Monday, February 1, 2021

Zoom Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ed Boettcher, Antrim County; Art Jeannot, Benzie County; Chris Christensen, Charlevoix County; Charlie MacInnis, Emmet County; Bryce Hundley, GT County; Dean Smallegan, Missaukee County; Ben Townsend, Wexford County.

Absent: Kohn Fisher, Kalkaska County; Patricia Soutas-Little, Leelanau County, Richard Schmidt, Manistee 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 3:30 pm by M. McCauley, CEO.

Public Comment

No comment

Election of 2021 Officers

M. McCauley called the meeting to order. He asked for board officer nominations for 2021.

Chair:

Motion by A. Jeannot, supported by C. MacInnis, to approve C. Christensen as Chair. No other nominations provided. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer:

Motion by B. Hundley, supported by E. Boettcher, to approve R. Schmidt as Treasurer. No other nominations provided. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary:

Motion by B. Hundley, supported by A. Jeannot, to approve P. Soutas-Little as Secretary. No other nominations provided. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of December 7, 2020

C. Christensen asked for approval of the December 7, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion by C. MacInnis, supported by C. Christensen, to approve the December 7, 2020 Networks Northwest County Consortium Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

CEO Comments

M. McCauley discussed the details of the Michigan Small Business Survival Grant program in Northwest Michigan, including how more than \$2M was distributed throughout the region. He also stated that he has been convening a discussion of the county administrators on a bi-monthly basis with success.

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.

Proposed:

- K-12 representative: David Cox, Superintendent, Wexford/Missaukee ISD & Manistee ISD
- Community Based Organization Representative: Bill Kennis, Director, Benzie Bus

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

State of Michigan Government Update

M. Krombeen of Midwest Strategy Group provided an update on a variety of State of Michigan Government matters, with a focus on potential Open Meetings Act Legislation, FY22 Budget, and Federal Cares Act appropriations. 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 4:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Culman,
Recording Secretary

Date February 1, 2021

Networks Northwest County Consortium

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	Mike	Krombeen	Midwest Strategy Group
✓	2	Matt	McCauley	Networks Northwest
	3	Denise	Culman	Networks Northwest
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