

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

**Monday August 13, 2018**

**DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Ed Boettcher, Antrim County; Coury Carland, Benzie County; Chris Christensen, Charlevoix County, Tom Mair, GT County; Ty Wessell, Leelanau County Richard Schmidt, Manistee County; Dean Smallegan, Missaukee County; Michael MacCready, Wexford County;.

**Absent:** John Stakoe, Emmet County; Stuart McKinnon, Kalkaska County.

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

**Guests present:** none

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 3:32pm, round table introductions commenced.

**Round Table Minutes of April 9, 2017**

C. Christensen asked for approval of the April 9, 2017 meeting minutes. Discussion took place that M. MacCready thought he was at the last meeting, but was not marked as present.

Motion by R. Schmidt, supported by T. Wessel, to approve the April 9, 2017 Networks Northwest County Consortium Meeting Minutes with the addition of Michael McCready marked as present. Motion passed unanimously.

**County Equalization Department Study**

M. McCauley stated that as part of the 2019 Regional Prosperity Grant, Networks Northwest is proposing to conduct a region-wide inventory and assessment of equalization services. Considerable discussion ensued echoing the need for such work. Additionally, the group discussed something similar for tax assessing services in the region.

**Intergovernmental Summit Planning Study**

M. McCauley stated that Networks Northwest Community Development Department is offering no cost county summit planning to each of the counties in northwest lower Michigan. The Commissioners discussed different ways the tool could be used in each county.

**County round-table**

Commissioners informally discussed various county-related subjects and provided updates on various issues occurring in their counties.

**Public comment**

No public comment.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:07

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise Culman*

Denise Culman, Recording Secretary

# Sign In Sheet

## Council of Governments Board

- 1. Boettcher, Ed ..... Antrim County
- 2. Carland, Coury ..... Benzie County
- 3. Christensen, Chris ..... Charlevoix County
- 4. Stakoe, John ..... Emmet County
- 5. Mair, Tom ..... Gr. Traverse County
- 6. McKinnon, Stuart ..... Kalkaska County
- 7. Wessell, Ty ..... Leelanau County
- 8. Schmidt, Richard ..... Manistee County
- 9. Smallegan, Dean ..... Missaukee County
- 10. MacCready, Mike ..... Wexford County

## *Others - Sign In Here*

#	Name	Organization
1	Matt McCauley	Networks Northwest
2	Denise Culman	Networks Northwest
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