

**Networks Northwest County Consortium
(Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Board)
Monday April 1, 2019**

MEETING MINUTES

Roll Call

Present: Ed Boettcher, Antrim County; Linda Farrell, Benzie County; Chris Christensen, Charlevoix County; Charlie MacInnis, Emmet County; Bryce Hundley, GT County, Ty Wessell, 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: Jason Allen, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Michigan.

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm, round table introductions commenced.

Public Comment

No comment

Minutes of February 4, 2019

C. Christensen asked for approval of the February 4, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion by R. Schmidt, supported by B. Townsend, to approve the February 4, 2019 Networks Northwest County Consortium Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

USDA Rural Development Presentation

Jason Allen, USDA State Director, provided information regarding USDA programs available to communities in Northwest Michigan. Discussion ensued.

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 5:09

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Culman

Denise Culman, Recording Secretary

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- 1. Boettcher, Ed Antrim County
- 2. Farrell, Linda Benzie County
- 3. Christensen, Chris Charlevoix County
- 4. MacInnis, Charlie Emmet County
- 5. Hundley, Bryce Gr. Traverse County
- 6. Fisher, Kohn Kalkaska County
- 7. Wessell, Ty Leelanau County
- 8. Schmidt, Richard Manistee County
- 9. Smallegan, Dean Missaukee County
- 10. Townsend, Ben Wexford County

Others - Sign In Here

| # | Name | Organization |
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| 1 | Matt McCauley | Networks Northwest |
| 2 | Denise Culman | Networks Northwest |
| 3 | Jason Allen | State Director for USDA Rural Development in Michigan |
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