

NETWORKS NORTHWEST BOARD Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

3:00-5:15 P. M.

Networks Northwest Conference Center

1209 S. Garfield Avenue

Traverse City, MI.

Present

S. Adams; S. Bytwork; D. Emmel; G. Fedus; K. Fisher; L. Flynn; B. Hefferan; R. Hill; T. Markey; B. Kennis; P. Lamb; L. Leedy; E. Lingaur; D. Mapes; T. Miner; J. Reed; M. Roman; R. Schmidt; M. Skeels; D. Smallegan; D. Rexroat; N. Sulak; T. Tkach; B. Townsend; C. Christensen; M. Cain

Absent

J. Al-Shamma; M. Castiglione; D. DeYoung; M. Faculak; C. Johnston; B. Scheele; C. Steele

Staff present

T. Vandercook; J. Willis; D. Rowland; S. Shugart; A. Theriault; E. Szpliet; J. Lome

Guests present

M. Treadwell; W. Smith, E. Wood

Call to Order and introductions

T. Vandercook, CEO, called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

None

Workforce Development Board Appointments for 2023

T. Vandercook introduced the list of Northwest MI. Workforce Development Board Appointments approved by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Board. Please see attached letter.

Antrim Benzie Charlevoix Emmet Grand Traverse Kalkaska Leelanau Manistee Missaukee Wexford

Northwest Michigan Workforce Development Board Election of 2023 Officers

Chair:

Motioned by B. Kennis, supported by D. Emmel, to nominate Nicole Sulak for Networks Northwest Board Chairperson. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair:

Motioned by C. Christensen, supported by B. Townsend, to nominate Lisa Leedy for Networks Northwest Board Vice Chairperson.

Motioned by E. Linguar, supported by P. Lamb, to nominate Bill Kennis for Networks Northwest Board Vice Chairperson.

With two nominations the vote went to a vote by ballot. All ballots were collected by Networks Northwest staff and counted. Lisa Leedy had 15 votes and Bill Kennis had 5 votes. Lisa Leedy elected as Vice-Chair by majority vote.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Motioned by G. Fedus, supported by S. Bytwork, to nominate Sean Adams for the Networks Northwest Board Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed By-Law Revisions

T. Vandercook presented the proposal of changes to the By-Laws. Discussion ensued. Motioned by D. Smallegan, supported by L. Leedy, to accept the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Motion passed unanimously. This concluded the "Annual Meeting".

Networks Northwest Board minutes of December 5, 2022

N. Sulak asked for a motion to accept the December 5, 2022 board meeting minutes. Motioned by T. Miner, supported by C. Christensen. Motion passed unanimously.

Item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda

N. Sulak asked for any items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. No items to be pulled.

Consent Agenda

N. Sulak asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motioned by L. Leedy, supported by D. Emmel. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

D. Rowland presented the financials. T. Vandercook highlighted the MiLeap program and how the increase in funding will broaden the amount of people we can help. N. Sulak asked for a motion to accept the financial report. Motioned by G. Fedus, supported by D. Emmel. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of 2023 Strategic Plan

T. Vandercook introduced W. Smith as presenter of Strategic Plan 2023. W. Smith explained the process and the details of the strategic plan to the board members. W. Smith asked if there were any questions or discussions from the members. Hearing none he concluded the presentation. T. Vandercook explained how the strategic plan plays a role with Northwest MI Works!/Networks Northwest staff and board members as he went through the priorities of the strategic plan. Discussion ensued. N. Sulak asked for a motion to accept the 2023 Strategic Plan. Motioned by P. Lamb, supported by E. Lingaur. Motion passed unanimously.

Board member and staff comments & announcements

P. Lamb expressed gratitude for seeing all the articles in the packet. G. Fedus supported P. Lamb's comments on the articles.

T. Vandercook thanked all board members for their contributions in the meeting.

Correspondence

N. Sulak encouraged board members to review the correspondence attached to the board packet.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alisha Theriault,

Administrative Assistant