

NETWORKS NORTHWEST BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 17, 2018

Roll Call

Present: Eric Bachmann; Lee Ballard; Jim Barnard; Stacie Bytwork; Michael Cain; Coury Carland; Chris Christensen; Gary Fedus; Andy Hayes; Bill Kennis; Kristine Lagios; Chuck Lombardo; Douglas Mansfield; Michael MacCready; Tim Nelson; Ken Osborne; Doug Parkes; Sue Peters; Kim Pontius; Doug Rath; Richard Schmidt; Dean Smallegan; Jim Smith; Marsha Smith; Nicole Sulak; Ty Wessell; Betty Workman.

Absent:

Diane Allington; Jamie Al-Shamma; Mike Ascione; Ed Boettcher; Ken Bollman; Jim Cook; Alan Cooper; Elizabeth Dewey; Mike Groleau; Amanda Haworth; Paul Hresko; Caroline Kennedy; Jane Korthase; Doug Luciani; Tom Mair; Stuart McKinnon; Josh Mills; Joe Moch; Leslie Nowlin; Steve Perdue; Mike Powers; Bob Scheele; John Stakoe; Clint Steele; Kelli Stepka; Tom Vine; Chuck Welch; Chris Warren; ; Kim Weckesser.

Staff present: Matt McCauley; Denise Culman; Steve Shugart.

Guests present: Matt Classens, Attorney; Kevin Shepard, Charlevoix County Administrator.

Call to Order and introductions

Gary Fedus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

None.

Board Member Recognition – Marsha Smith

G. Fedus presented M. Smith a plaque signifying her years of service to Networks Northwest.

Beaver Island Property Update

M. McCauley showed a 15 minute video of Beaver Island and the Lighthouse School to board members. The video highlighted the history and past uses of the property.

Beaver Island Property Sale – Executive Committee Recommendation

M. McCauley provided the Executive Committee's recommendation to pursue the purchase of the Beaver Island Lighthouse School in partnership with Charlevoix County to the Board. He also stated that the long term intent of the property is for full ownership by Charlevoix County after repairs and renovation is complete.

Motion by B. Kennis, supported by M. Cain to approve the following resolution to purchase the Beaver island Lighthouse School Property from Charlevoix Public Schools in partnership with Charlevoix County . Resolution passed by roll call vote (yea- 26, no- L. Ballard).

WHEREAS, the Networks Northwest Regional Prosperity Board has been created by Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) and Northwest Michigan Works (NMW) pursuant to a Local Agreement for Administration of Workforce, Economic, Planning, and Community Development Services and Operation as a Regional Prosperity Board entered into between NWMCOG and NMW on August 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Networks Northwest Regional Prosperity Board members shall exercise their powers and duties in good faith and in the best interest of the agency and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Beaver Island Lighthouse (South Light) is a regionally and historically significant property; and

WHEREAS, the Beaver Island Lighthouse Property (approximately 169 acres) has been owned by Charlevoix Public Schools since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Networks Northwest, in its previous forms, has been an operational partner to Charlevoix Public Schools in the form of the Beaver Island Lighthouse School and primary steward of the property since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Charlevoix Public Schools has indicated, with an interest in providing the Beaver Island Lighthouse School Property for the good of the region, a desire to convey the property for \$140k plus remediation costs currently held by their insurer, SET-SEG; and

WHEREAS, Charlevoix County has expressed an earnest desire to partner with Networks Northwest to purchase the Beaver Island Lighthouse School Property for the purposes of ensuring continued public ownership and sound property restoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NETWORKS NORTHWEST BOARD, authorize its CEO to dedicate an amount, not to exceed \$235,000, in an effort to acquire, maintain, improve and restore the BILS property in partnership with Charlevoix County;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that Networks Northwest will establish a Task Group comprised of staff and select board members to explore opportunities to improve the property through grants and partnerships and utilize the Finance Committee to monitor expenditures not authorized beyond this resolution;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Networks Northwest CEO and appropriate officers will pursue this resolution expeditiously and in the best interest of the Networks Northwest, its members, and Northwest Lower Michigan.

Board member and staff comments & announcements

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Culman
Recording Secretary

Check In Sheet

✓	#	First Name	Last Name	Title
	1	Diane	Allington - excused	Owner, Master Craft Extrusion Tools, Inc
	2	Jamie	Al-Shamma	Executive Vice President, Bay Construction
	3	Mike	Ascione - excused	CEO, American Waste
✓	4	Eric	Bachmann	Regional Manager, MI Rehabilitation Services
✓	5	Lee	Ballard	HR Director, Ebel's Family Center
✓	6	Jim	Barnard	Owner, Barnard Engineering
	7	Ed	Boettcher	Antrim County Commissioner
	8	Kenneth	Bollman - excused	President, Saber Tool Company
✓	9	Stacie	Bytwork	Executive Director, Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce
✓	10	Michael	Cain	Manager, City of Boyne City
✓	11	Coury	Carland	County Commissioner, Benzie
✓	12	Chris	Christensen	County Commissioner, Charlevoix
	13	Jim	Cook - excused	Manager, Grand Traverse County Road Commission
✓	14	Alan	Cooper	Manager, Wexford County Road Commission
	15	Elizabeth	Dewey - excused	Human Resources Manager, Kalkaska Screw Products, Inc
✓	16	Gary	Fedus	President, Mitchell Graphics
	17	Mike	Groleau - excused	Co-owner/Project Manager, RJG, Inc
	18	Amanda	Haworth	HR Director, Boyne Resorts
✓	19	Andy	Hayes	President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance
	20	Paul	Hresko - excused	HR Manager, Armor Express
	21	Caroline	Kennedy - excused	Assistant Village Manager/Clerk, Village of Elk Rapids
✓	22	Bill	Kennis	Executive Director, Benzie Transportation Authority
	23	Jane	Korthase	Human Resources Director, Grandvue Medical Care Facility
✓	24	Kristine	Lagios	DHS Director, DHS -Benzie & Manistee Counties
	25	Doug	Luciani - excused	President, TC Area Chamber; Northern MI Chamber Alliance
✓	26	Chuck	Lombardo	Director of Marketing & Communications, Northern MI Chamber Alliance
✓	27	Michael	MacCready	County Commissioner, Wexford
	28	Tom	Mair	Grand Traverse County Commissioner
✓	29	Douglas	Mansfield	President, MI Township Association
	30	Stuart	McKinnon	County Commissioner, Kalkaska
	31	Josh	Mills - excused	Manager, City of Frankfort
	32	Joe	Moch	CEO, ACAT Global
✓	33	Tim	Nelson	President, NMC
	34	Leslie	Nowlin	HR System Administrator, Rec Boat Holdings LLC
✓	35	Ken	Osborne	Vice President of Manufacturing, Boride Engineered Abrasive
✓	36	Douglas	Parkes	Co-Owner, Kellie's Hallmark Shop
	37	Steve	Perdue - excused	President & CEO, Grand Traverse Industries -GTI
✓	38	Sue	Peters	Vice President-Human Resources, Munson Medical Center
✓	39	Kim	Pontius	CEO, Traverse Association of Realtors
	40	Mike	Powers	Energy Solutions Consultant, Keene Technical Solutions
✓	41	Doug	Rath	Graceland Fruit, Inc.

	42	Bob	Scheele - excused	Vice President, Central Labor Council
✓	43	Richard	Schmidt	County Commissioner, Manistee
	44	Dean	Smallegan - excused	County Commissioner, Missaukee
✓	45	Jim	Smith	Controls Designer, Tool North Inc
✓	46	Marsha	Smith	Executive Director, Rotary Charities & NorthSky Non-Profit Network
	47	John	Stakoe	Emmet County Commissioner
	48	Clint	Steele - excused	Plumber & Pipefitter, UAW Local 85
	49	Kelli	Stepka	Human Resource Manager, Cherry Republic
✓	50	Nicole	Sulak	Director of Accounting, Munson Medical Center
	51	Tom	Vine - excused	Plant Manager, Viking Energy
	52	Chris	Warren - excused	General Manager, Midwest Broadcasting Company
	53	Kim	Weckesser - excused	Director Human Resources, West Shore Medical Center
	54	Chuck	Welch- excused	Parole Field Supervisor, State of MI Dept of Corrections
✓	55	Ty	Wessell	County Commissioner, Leelanau
✓	56	Betty	Workman	Owner, Vacation Trailer Park & Sales Inc



#	First Name	Last Name	Title
1	Matt	Classens	Attorney
2	Kevin	Shepard	Charlevoix County Administrator
3	Matt	McCauley	Networks Northwest
4	Steve	Shugart	Networks Northwest
5	Denise	Culman	Networks Northwest
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