

## Minutes

West Michigan Prosperity Alliance  
Executive Steering Committee  
October 11, 2016

Grand Rapids, MI  
Grand Valley Metro Council Offices

### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by John Weiss.

Present: John Weiss - GVMC  
Erin Kuhn – WMSRDC  
Rick Chapla – The Right Place  
Paul Griffith – Michigan Works! West Central  
Dave Bee – West Michigan Regional Planning Commission  
Angie Barksdale – West Michigan Works!  
Steve Bulthuis – MACC

### **2. Public Comment**

None

### **3. Budget Discussion / Project Funding**

The current balance sheet was reviewed.

It was determined full funding for all eight projects was desired by the Executive Committee. Various options for budget amendments were discussed.

The Executive Committee recommends making a budget amendment by lowering Communications and Public Education to \$15,000; Strategic Plan Refinement to \$15,000; and RPI Meetings, Regional Collaboration, Cooperation, etc. to \$20,000 and shifting those funds to Project Funding. Additionally, per Erin Kuhn, funding that was dedicated to the Muskegon Port and the West Michigan Water Systems Plan could be moved to the 2017 grant cycle. (Which will not fully cover all projects)

**MOTION – To recommend amending the budget by lowering Communications and Public Education to \$15,000; Strategic Plan Refinement to \$15,000; and RPI Meetings, Regional Collaboration, Cooperation, etc. to \$20,000 and shifting those funds to Project Funding. Additionally, funding dedicated to the Muskegon Port and the West Michigan Water Systems Plan could be moved to the 2017 grant cycle. MOVE – Griffith. SUPPORT – Bulthuis. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **4. 2017 Application**

The 2017 RPI Application should be available soon. Funding should be at the same range (\$250,000). The committee should think about what it wants to do with this round of funding, maybe review the strategic planning that was done, etc.

#### **5. Other**

Steve will send out award notices to project contacts, with notation to contact Steve or Chris regarding payment.

A progress report on ongoing projects should be scheduled for the full Steering Committee.

#### **6. Adjourn**