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Minutes

West Michigan Prosperity Alliance
Executive Committee
June 22, 2015
Noon
Harbor View Marina
Ludington, MI

1. CALL TO ORDER:

John Weiss called the meeting to order at Noon

Present: John Weiss, GVMC
 Lt. Governor Brian Calley
 Lisa Calley
 Roger Safford, MDOT
 Rich Chapla, The Right Place
 Valerie Byrnes – Barry County Economic Development Alliance
 Kathy Maclean – Ludington / Scottville Chamber of Commerce
 Bill Pink – Grand Rapids Community College
 Bill Raymond - Ottawa County Michigan Works
 Jim Fisher – Padnos, Inc.
 Lisa Stich – West Shore Community College
 Kathleen Sullivan – Adult Learning Partners of West Michigan
 Doug Wood - Orchard view Public Schools
 Dave Bee – West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
 Dan Peterson - Eight Cap
 Erin Kuhn – WMSRDC
 Steve Bulthuis – MACC
 Ed Garner – Muskegon Area First
 Paul Griffith – Michigan Works West Central
 Dan Rinsema-Sybenga – Muskegon Community College

2. Minutes – MOTION – To Approve the Minutes. MOVE – Fisher. SUPPORT – Byrnes. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Lunch

4. Bill Pink – Grand Rapids Community College

John Weiss introduced Bill Pink the new representative from GRCC.

MOTION – To Accept Bill Pink as a Steering Committee Member. MOVE – Rinsema-Sybenga. SUPPORT – Griffith. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Recognition of Sponsors

John Weiss thanked Kathy Maclean for all her help organizing the event; as well as the support of the Harbor View Marina, Mason County Growth Alliance, West Shore Community College, Ludington Beverage Company, House of Flavors Restaurant, Ludington Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Ludington / Scottville Area Chamber of Commerce.

6. Project Updates

- a. Erin Kuhn – Muskegon Port
 - i. Update
 - ii. Cobb Plant Closing 2016
 - iii. Delisting as area of concern
 - iv. EPA grant & RPI
 - v. Forums (4)
 - vi. Regional Importance
 - vii. Agriculture & Manufacturing

- b. Paul Griffith - Broadband Internet Access
 - i. Update
 - ii. Connected Communities
 - iii. Rural Areas – no broadband
 - iv. Dan Manning / Tom Stevenson – Connect Michigan
 1. Assessment of infrastructure
 2. Adoption of program
 3. Use
 4. County Update

- c. Steve Bulthuis / Wendy Ogilvie – Lake Michigan Clean Water
 - i. Quality and watershed groups
 - ii. MACC / GVMC / WMSRDC
 - iii. Project Overview
 - iv. Sustainable funding resources
 - v. Kick-off meeting 6/23/15 Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids
 - vi. \$89,000 RPI grant
 - vii. State's water strategy
 - viii. One unified approach

7. Lt. Governor Brian Calley & Julie Calley

- a. Adopted Budget
- b. MEDC
- c. Local Port
- d. Pilot Programs in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, Pontiac
- e. Transportation
- f. Structurally unemployed
- g. Access to resources not close
- h. More people held jobs than normal population
- i. Health & Human Services combined
- j. Helping people change
- k. Boundaries, etc. / collaboration
- l. Dollars are not the purpose
- m. Regionalism is good as long as it does not result in changes, which is a challenge
– SHOULD BE – Regionalism is fine as long as it best serves the people

8. Other

9. Adjourn – 1:45 p.m.