

Executive Committee Meeting

June 3, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Sault Service Center – 1118 E. Easterday Ave., SSM, MI 49783

Present: Don McLean, Jeff Holt, Dean Reid, Richard Timmer, Colleen Duflo (video)

Call to Order – 10:05 am

Approval of Agenda – moved by Timmer, supported by Reid. Unanimously.

Public Comment – none present

Financial/Program reports

Discussion ensued on the various program and projects underway.

Motion by Timmer, supported by Holt, carried unanimously

Regional Prosperity Grant update

2014 RPI

Funding expended as anticipated, small amount of carry-forward to 2015.

2015 RPI

Proposed sites for HD video:

Hiawatha Behavioral Health office in St. Ignace

Mackinac Bridge Authority

St. Ignace CVB

Mackinac County Road Commission

Regional Rec plan under development

Regional TMA - \$15,000

Technology upgrades – this summer/fall

Broadband Initiatives – LUG websites, presence, services. Vertical asset inventory.

New Business

Motion Timmer, support by Reid to increase salary of N. Coon by \$2,000 and adjust title to Planner II/Transportation Planner/GIS Coordinator.

SSM Master Plan Contract

Contract for Parallel Solutions, motion by Timmer, supported by Reid, motion carried unanimously.

Board Appointments

Walk, Becks and Holt reappointed by the CEO.

EO Hagan will reach out to Chippewa County on the Townships and Mackinac County on the St. Ignace appointments.

Discussion on Regional Economic Development Strategy

Regional Economic Luncheon

Have each director talk about the individual organizations – profile sheets

CEO will discuss with Committee member Holt on the details. Will discuss further at the September EC meeting and the full Board meeting in October.

Equipment Purchases

Regional Planning copier lease is up, will be investigating one copier for the entire Sault Service Center.

IT Support

Motion by Timmer to allow up to \$10,000 to proceed with the IT support through the EUP ISD, supported by Duflo. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

Michigan Works! UP meeting

Should look at the By-Laws, and other policies on an annual or semi-annual basis.

Frustration with MEDC on the Brownfield Redevelopment for the Beacon project in St. Ignace. Contact Lois Ellis?

Graymont development fund – housed under MEA, have an agreement, appointing people from Luce and Trout Lake area. Will deposit funding of \$100,000 each year for 5 yrs.

What about having a Regional Planning rep on the review panel.

Discussion on land banks relative to county brownfields and road commissions, as an economic development tool. Look at regionalization. Private organizations need to mitigate in the same watershed.

Motion to adjourn by Holt, supported by Timmer, at 12:19p.m.