

I-69 INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR, NEXT MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Bishop International Airport, Flint, MI

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Chairperson Dale Kerbyson

2. **Roll Call** –

Board members present-

Genesee County

Wendy-Jean Buhner, City of Grand Blanc

Tracey Tucker, Flint Twp.

Tanya Ketzler, Mundy Twp.

Chad Young, Mundy Twp.

Derek Bradshaw

Lapeer County

Richard Evans – North Branch

Lenny Schneider – Lapeer County

Quentin Bishop – Lapeer County

Dale Kerbyson – City of Lapeer – Board Chair

Shiawassee County

Mark Fulks, Perry Twp

Justin Horvath – SEDP

Nathan Henne, City of Owosso

St. Clair County

Dan Casey

3. **Approval of Agenda** –

Motion to approve the August 10, 2021 agenda made by Ms. Ketzler and supported by Mr. Bradshaw. No discussion, motion carried.

4. **Meeting Minutes** -

Moved by Ms. Tucker and supported by Mr. Schneider to approve minutes of the June 8, 2021 NMDC meeting. No discussion, motion carried.

5. Treasurers Report –

Financials -

Ms. Tucker reported a fund balance of \$139,494.30 as of July 30, 2021. It was moved by Mr. Schneider and supported by Ms. Ketzler to change signers on the bank accounts to reflect the Chair, Dale Kerbyson, Vice Chair, Joe Sawyer and Treasurer, Tracey Tucker and removing Amy Roddy as a signer. Motion carried.

6. Municipality Representative and Conflict of Interest Form -

Mr. Kerbyson asked that those present sign and turn in the forms.

He also mentioned that the City of Lansing has indicated interest in partnering with the NMDC and discussions may be ongoing. They would need to abide by the Rules of Procedure including payment of \$10,000 up front and pay annual dues. Mr. Kerbyson indicated he would continue discussions with Lansing.

Mr. Kerbyson reported that Mr. Smiertka has indicated that due to job constraints he cannot continue as the NMDC attorney and that new council is needed. Mr. Schneider suggested MEDC be contacted for suggestion and Ms. Tucker asked if Mr. Smiertka could be asked for recommendations for a replacement.

7. Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership Proposal –

It was moved by Ms. Ketzler and supported by Ms. Jean-Buhrer to accept the proposal as presented by Mr. Horvath to have the SEDP take over the administrative duties of the NMDC and LDFA entities for the annual sum of \$9500. No discussion, Mr. Horvath abstained, motion carried.

8. Scope and Proposal Update, Michigan Plan -

Ms. Sandra Dearden, President & CEO at Highroad Consulting, Ltd, offered a Zoom presentation on a proposed project plan to establish Region 6 as a proactive leader that is responding to developing opportunities with regard to transportation services. Mr. Horvath and Mr. Kerbyson asked that the board members review the information presented and forward questions to Mr. Horvath.

9. Public Comment

Mr. Bishop introduced his guest, Cole Briggs, St. Clair County, attending Northwoods University studying supply chains.

10. Economic Development Partner Updates –

Dan Casey – Has a committee involved working on encouraging Covid vaccinations. Submitted for largest project, Project Copper, a 40B project proposal which, if obtained, would provide for 5100 new area jobs. Also discussed were plans included in the county and in St. Clair EDA's strategic plan for a new Industrial Park. The site is 286 acres next to an additional 300-acre site on I-94 one mile south of I-69, five minutes from the Blue Water Bridge. A CN Rail line goes through the property. Possibility they could come the NMDC LDFA for involvement in the project.

Justin Horvath – mentioned efforts being made to get language into the Federal Infrastructure Bill for I-69 build out.



11. Board Member Comment -

Ms. Tucker reiterated the need to move forward with the High Road Proposal. She asked that any answers to questions sent to Ms. Dearden be forwarded to board members.

Mr. Schneider voiced his objection to having a large regional appointed board with members from varying communities have the ability to vote on LDFA matters that should be kept local. He believes it is in violation of the statute or the spirit of the statute that non-locals can decide the capture of tax-payers in another jurisdiction.

12. There was no other business. Meeting adjourned at 10:44.

Dale Kerbyson, Chairperson