

RCEDC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2020

Members Present: Brenda Bachelder, Ed Bergeron, Pam Kincaid, Theresa Ekdom, Katherine Methner, Emily Barber, Phil Bendily, Neal Belanger, Kathleen Fox, Robert Schneider.

By phone or webcast- Michael Briggs, Margie Lathrop

Others Present: Sean Petrie, COOR ISD; Tim O'Rourke, Roscommon County Road Commission, Jim Raschke, Mid-Michigan Community Health

Absent: Al Cambridge, Marc Milburn

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Ed Bergeron

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve November meeting minutes was made by Emily Barber/Katherine Methner. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

Brenda Bachelder presented the treasurer's report.

Executive Directors Report:

Brenda Bachelder reviewed Executive Director's Report.

Old Business:

- A. North East Michigan Education Coalition (INF) – Tim O'Rourke states that they have been meeting with Kirtland Community College to use their campus, but they are not getting far. Starting petitions to show Kirtland that Roscommon County Residents see a need for this type of trade center. Petitions are due back by March 31st to be presented at the April board meeting.
- B. Meetings – start time, duration, location, rotating (DIS) – Proposed to have meeting 8am – 9:30am at the MI Works conference room. We may have the meeting 1-2 times a year at a special location for special circumstances.
Motion made and approved - Emily Barber/Theresa Ekdom. All approved.

New Business:

- A. COOR ISD (INF) – Sean Petrie discussed that they will be going for an increased millage.
- B. Sawmill Rural Business Center – Emily Barber had no voice so did not report.

- C. Mini Grant Application Process (INF) – Brenda. These are being funneled through the Chambers and Tourism bureau.

Board Member Reports:

- A. Theresa Ekdorn reported on Catch Us If You Can – tagged fish. March 29th is the drawing for 7 anglers at Spicers – chance to win \$100,000 and new Lund Boat at 1pm.
- B. Al Cambridge by letter, requests to have his board term renewed
Motion made and approved; Theresa Ekdorn and Katherine Methner. All approved.
- C. Mike Briggs – MSU Ext. holding a Tourism inperson-meeting on May 8th 1-230pm at County Bldg.
- D. Margie Lathrop reports that she has a developer contact that she would like to have some properties to pitch.
- E. Brenda wants to remind everyone that we have executive board nominations next month to be voted on at April Meeting.

Commissioner Reports:

- A. Bob Schneider reports that on 3/11/2020 there will be a commissioner work session on Gypsy moths at 9am in the county bldg. talking about combining services w/MSU Ext. and a millage.
The commissioners approved the Sawmill Business Center to move in the county bldg. with inkind rent.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:08am by Ed Bergeron.