

NORTHERN NEXUS  
Grand Traverse Region Next Michigan Development Corporation

February 26, 2015

Easterday called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanine Easterday, Bob Johnson, Glen Lile and Patrick Pahl

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Carmoney, Jean Derenzy and John Sych

EXCUSED: Chuck Korn

WELCOME COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

Board Members welcomed new Commissioner Bob Johnson.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

**Moved** by Lile, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2015 Meeting Schedule as presented.

**Approved unanimously.**

OFFICER ELECTIONS

**Moved** by Lile, seconded by Pahl to extend Korn's Chair and Easterday's Vice Chair positions through December of this year.

**Approved unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by Pahl, seconded by Lile to approve the October 30, 2014 NMDC minutes as presented.

**Approved unanimously.**

Discussion continued on the approval of minutes in relation to Robert's Rules of Order.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

None

REPORTS/Receive and File Communications:

Update on Economic Development Strategy

Derenzy and Sych provided an overview of their work to develop an economic development strategy for Grand Traverse County. Meetings with NMC and the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research have taken place to discuss the REMI model, which provides economic data and forecasts for the county along with economic impact analysis for business expansion and new businesses moving into the County. A working draft to summarize the economic conditions in the county is in progress.

Michigan Logistics and Supply Chain Steering Team

Sych reported Northern Nexus is a participant in the state's Logistics and Supply Chain Steering Team. The Team is assisting the state in its implementation of Michigan's Logistics and Supply Chain Strategic Plan.

Update on Next Michigan Development Corporations

Sych reported Governor Snyder recently signed a bill to establish a Next Michigan Development Corporation (NMDC) in the City of Detroit. The Upper Peninsula NMDC, approved in 2013, is in the early stages of its application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

None

NOTICES

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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Chuck Korn, Chair