



Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

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Board Meeting Agenda

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 9, 2017
MEETING TIME: 10:00 am
MEETING LOCATION: W. E. Upjohn Institute Building
300 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo MI, 49007

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Members Excused**
3. **Action: Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Action: Approval of the Minutes**
5. **Citizen Comments**
6. **Financial Report**
 - a. Presented at meeting.
7. **Transportation/KATS Items**
 - a. Monthly Report Presented at the meeting
8. **Discussion: Regional Prosperity Initiative**
 - a. Update on Regional Prosperity Meetings and Activities
9. **Discussion: Update from the SMPC Sponsored Retirement Account Committee**
 - a. Review of discussions and actions to date
 - b. Discussion about future activities
 - c. Committee meeting in January
10. **Staff Report/Other:**
 - a. Ross Township
 - b. Brady Township
11. **Board Member Comments**
12. **Action: Adjournment**

Next Meeting: February 7th in Marshall



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Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 1, 2016
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Coldwater Municipal Building
1 Grand Street, Coldwater, MI 49068

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 11:42 am.

2. Members Excused

- a. Reid made a motion to excuse McGraw and Seyburn.
 - i. Hazelbaker seconded the motion
 - ii. **The motion carried.**

3. Action: Approval of the Agenda

- a. Carahaly made a motion to approve the agenda.
 - i. Baker seconded the motion
 - ii. **The motion carried.**

4. Action: Approval of the Minutes

- a. Reid made a motion to approve the October Minutes.
 - i. Ault seconded the motion
 - ii. **The motion carried.**

5. Citizen Comments

- a. None made.

6. Financial Report

- a. The final figures for the fiscal year are pending so they were not presented.

7. Transportation/KATS Items

- a. KATS staff gave an update on their activities during November and outlined their work expected in December and January. A written report was also supplied.
- b. KATS staff answered a few questions from the Board.

8. Discussion: Regional Prosperity Initiative

- a. Staff mentioned that the Regional Prosperity Committee is looking to apply for funding in 2017. That application is due on December 1st. The application is for tier one status again; the Region 8 Prosperity Committee acknowledges that our region does not qualify for tier two funding.
- b. The Committee is also looking to set their calendar of activities for the 2017. That calendar is likely to include time for determining an area of focus, researching that area of focus, and then funding projects that move that area of focus forward.
- c. The board had a few questions about the RPI tiers and the grant application. The board took no formal actions on this item.

9. Discussion: Update from the SMPC Sponsored Retirement Account Committee

- a. Staff gave an overview of the activities to-date. Staff should have a substantial update in December.
- b. The board discussed the activities and the best course of action going forward.
- c. *Kale made a motion to authorize our legal counsel, up to an additional \$5,000.00, to pursue legal actions that they deem necessary based on events to-date.*
 - i. *Dunn seconded the motion.*
 - ii. **The motion carried.**

10. Discussion: US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant

- a. Staff mentioned that a local environmental consultant approached Adams with the idea of creating a regional funding mechanism. The main source of potential funding comes from an EPA grant program. The deadline for that grant is in mid-December. Traditionally, regional efforts are received better by the EPA.
- b. The board felt that the idea was worthwhile for a number of reasons and asked staff to pursue it.

11. Discussion: Review of the By-laws

- a. This item was tabled until December.

12. Staff Report/Other:

- a. Lockport Township
 - i. Staff gave an update on the process so far. Staff met with the Planning Commission and work has begun.
- b. Ross Township
 - i. Staff is working to prepare an RFP on their behalf for park a improvement plan.

13. Board Member Comments

- a. None made.

14. Action: Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.