

GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!
Executive Committee Minutes
June 28, 2021

EXEC COMM MEMBERS PRESENT

John Kaczynski: Frankenmuth, MI
Brian McBride: Midland, MI
Brian Sheets: Alma, MI
Vaughn Begick: Monitor Twsp., MI
Margaret McAvoy: Owosso, MI
Scott Noesen: Midland, MI
Carl Ruth: Saginaw, MI

EXEC COMM MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Wortman

MWA STAFF

Christopher Rishko: Midland, MI
Sarah Walker: Midland, MI
Ray Ogden: Midland, MI

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Co-Chair Sheets called the Executive Committee Meeting to order Monday, June 28, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held virtually, as well as in-person.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

The above members were present, and a quorum was met.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Co-Chair Sheets presented the Agenda to the Executive Committee.

Ruth motioned and Kaczynski supported:

To approve the Agenda as it was presented to the Executive Committee.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

ITEM #4: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

Audience member, Robert Belleman, Saginaw County Controller, introduced himself to the Executive Committee. Mr. Belleman stated that incorrect information has been shared with Gratiot County. He stated that a Gratiot County Commissioner that Saginaw County is illegally spending Michigan Works! dollars. Mr. Belleman stated that Saginaw County is not doing anything illegal. He said that Saginaw County is doing what they are allowed to do as being the fiscal agent. Mr. Belleman additionally stated that Michigan Works! staff are employees of Michigan Works!, and not of Saginaw County. He also stated that he finds it offensive that Saginaw County and its employees and Commissioners are being illy talked about.

ITEM #5: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes from May 24, 2021 Joint Board of Directors Meeting

Ruth motioned and Kaczynski supported:

To approve the May 24, 2021 Minutes as presented to the Executive Committee.

Minutes Approved

The motion was approved by voice vote.

ITEM #6: ACTION/DISCUSSION/REPORTS ITEMS

- A. Mr. J. Chamberlin
- B. Mr. D. Stoker

CEO Rishko presented ACTION/DISCUSSION/REPORTS Items A & B to the Executive Committee. CEO Rishko stated that Saginaw County is 28 days late to pay invoices for Chamberlin and Stoker. Rishko asked the Executive Committee to approve all past and future invoices from Mr. J. Chamberlin and Mr. D. Stoker regarding the interlocal agreement initiative, not to exceed the approved budget amount of \$26,000. CAO Ogden stated that the transaction with Chamberlin was through a PO. Chamberlin's invoice was under the micro procurement threshold, so a PO was created in accordance with Saginaw County policies. CAO Ogden also stated that the board approves claims once they are paid. Items on the Claims Reports are always up for discussion, and that Saginaw County's process for PO's were followed. McAvoy stated that she is concerned. She doesn't like the way this whole situation has occurred. She also stated that Mr. Belleman's comments reflect the direction this organization is going. McAvoy also stated that CEO Rishko stated that Chamberlin & Stoker were for technical assistance in writing the Interlocal Agreement. She said there was no opportune time for someone to voice their concerns regarding these contracts with Chamberlin and Stoker. CEO Rishko reminded the committee that there were numerous opportunities since the topic was presented to the board in September of 2020 for discussion and that Chamberlin and Stoker were consulted with at the Committee's request.

A roll call vote was conducted to approve for the payment of the invoices from Chamberlin and Stoker:

John Kaczynski	Yes
Brian McBride	Yes
Brian Sheets	Yes
Dan Wortman	ABSENT
Vaughn Begick	Yes
Margaret McAvoy	No
Scott Noesen	Yes
Carl Ruth	Yes

By roll call vote, the approval to move to a motion did pass.

Begick motioned and McBride supported:

To approve the payment for the invoices from Mr. J. Chamberlin and Mr. D. Stoker.

The motion passed by voice vote.

- C. Budget Discussion

CEO Rishko explained to the Executive Committee that each one of the Michigan Works! programs has an allowance of how much each program is allowed to go to the administrative budget. For this year, the Michigan Works! administrative budget is \$1.2 million. Total cost of staff is a little over \$1.7 million. Between now and the next Joint Board of Directors meeting in August of 2021, CEO Rishko requested a motion for permission to present a budget that will support the \$1.2 million budget by cutting administrative staff positions.

Ruth motioned and McAvoy supported:

To approve the recommendation that the Michigan Works! administrative team prepare and present a budget at the August meeting that reflects the removal of administrative positions, which will allow it to stay within the budget of \$1.2 million.

The motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #7: ADJOURNMENT

Ruth motioned and Kaczynski supported:

To adjourn the Executive Committee meeting.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Co-Chair Sheets adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 4:02 p.m.



Christopher Rishko, CEO

7-29-21

Date