



MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Executive Committee Meeting/Retreat Minutes

July 21, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Members present:

Lizabeth Ardisana	Jeff Noel
John Brown	Gerald Poisson
Fritz Erickson	Chris Rizik
Cindy Larsen	Doug Rothwell
Chris MacInnes	Anmar Sarafa
David Meador	David Sowerby
Jeff Metts	Dayne Walling
Scott Newman-Bale	

Members absent:

David Armstrong

Robert Collier

Stephen Forrest

Tom Moran

Greg Northrup

MEDC staff present: Steve Arwood, Val Hoag, Amanda Bright McClanahan, Mark Morante, Jennifer Nelson, Lynne Feldpausch, Carsten Hohnke, Margaret O’Riley, Greg Tedder and Marianne Robbins.

Call to order


Mr. Rothwell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Southwest Michigan First, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Public Comment

Mr. Rothwell asked if anyone in attendance would like to provide public comment. There was none.

Chairman’s Report

Mr. Rothwell asked if there were any questions, changes or corrections regarding the May meeting minutes. There being none, a motion was made to approve the minutes from the



May 19, 2015 meeting. *It was moved by Ms. MacInnes and seconded by Mr. Metts. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Rothwell thanked Ron Kitchens and Southwest Michigan First for hosting us. Ron welcomed us and gave an update on what SWMF has been doing.

Mr. Rothwell welcomed Mr. Erickson, President of Northern Michigan University, to the Executive Committee. Introductions were made of everyone in attendance.

Mr. Rothwell reviewed events of the past few months which impact the MEDC budget. We need to accelerate and focus our work. Our core mission is to retain and attract jobs.

CEO Update

Mr. Arwood presented the committee with the status of the FY15 funding and the proposed FY16 budget and the challenges we are facing. A detailed discussion with the Executive Committee followed.

Motion by Mr. Poisson to direct the CEO of the MEDC to prepare the FY16 corporate budget with due consideration of alignment of the budget with the anticipated gaming revenue and legislative appropriation reductions. *The motion was seconded by Mr. Rothwell and passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.