

MICHIGAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2016

Village of Mackinaw City
102 Huron Street
Mackinaw City, Michigan

Board Members Present:

Laura Braun, RD Fund Board Member
Margaret Minerick, RD Fund Board Member
Fred Taccolini, RD Fund Board Member
Jamie Clover Adams, Chair, RD Fund Board and Director of MDARD

Board Members Absent:

John Walters, RD Fund Board Member

Other Attendees:

Maria Tyszkiewicz, MDARD
Peter Anastor, MDARD
Lydia Murray, MEDC
Lori Krause, USDA
Joel Schultz, Central UP Planning & Development
Dave Glenn, Northeast MI Council of Governments
Doug Baum, City of Grayling (Rising Tide Community)
Sharon Brown, Village of Newberry (Rising Tide Community)

The meeting was called to order by Jamie Clover Adams at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION: Laura Braun moved to approve the March 17, 2016, meeting minutes. Seconded by Fred Taccolini. Motion carried.

Director Clover Adams welcomed the Board and our guest presenters today.

The Board listened to presentations on various programs or initiatives covering rural areas around the state:

- **Lydia Murray** presented on the types of services offered to rural areas through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (*see attached presentation*).
- **Lori Krause** presented on the types of services and programs available to rural areas by the USDA (*see attached presentation*).
- **Joel Schultz** presented on behalf of Central UP Planning and Development regarding the number of challenges faced by rural areas in the Upper Peninsula (*see attached presentation*).
- **Dave Glenn** presented on behalf of the Northeast MI council of Governments regarding rural issues and concerns in the northeast portion of the state.

- **Doug Baum** (City of Grayling) and **Sharon Brown** (Village of Newberry) made presentations regarding the Rising Tide Community Program in the MEDC and their local government's involvement in that program. *See attached presentation by Sharon Brown.*

Director Clover Adams identified four themes that were prevalent in all of the presentations:

1. Infrastructure/wastewater/energy
2. Business Development
3. Community Capacity Building
4. Talent Development and Training

There was discussion among the board members regarding these four buckets. Consensus was reached to move forward with the above identified themes.

Director Clover Adams offered to have staff develop a program framework around these common themes. That draft will be provided to board members prior to the September 29 meeting so that edits may be discussed and agreed upon at the September meeting.

There was no public comment.

Upcoming Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016, at the Mackinaw Village Hall, 102 Huron Street, Mackinaw City.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attachments (power point presentations)