



## Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board

### NOTES

December 17, 2021

1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

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#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Craig Anderson	Bill Groenink	Trever Meachum	Beth VanDrie
Jesse Costilla	Joann Hoganson	Dorian Slaybod	Mark Miezio
Adam Dietrich			

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Eva Alvarez	Francisco Posada	Jose Roman-Mota	Ann Marie Rocha
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#### **GUESTS:**

Hector Arroya	Majed Ghussaini	Fred Leitz	Ben Tirrell
Dale Freeman	Lisabeth Iglesias-Rios	Haley Leitz	Mark Swartz
Audra Fuentes	Jim Johnson	Sheila McCulloch	

#### **NOTE TAKER:**

Sheila McCulloch

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#### **Call to Order**

Migrant Labor Advisory Board Chair Joann Hoganson called the Board to order at 1:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

#### **Roll Call**

Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Chair Joann Hoganson conducted a members roll call, noted above.

#### **Welcome**

Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Chair Joann Hoganson welcomed members and guests.

#### **Additions to the Agenda**

Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Chair Joann Hoganson called for additional agenda items to consider. No additional agenda items were added.

#### **Motion to Approve- Craig Anderson; Motion Second - Treavor Meachum**

Craig Anderson motioned to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Treavor Meachum.

#### **Motion Carried:**

The motion carried unanimously. All members were in favor, none opposed or abstained from the vote.

#### **Housing Investment Recommendation – Board Decision**

MLH Advisory Board members discussed the original draft housing investment recommendation statement, in detail, referencing Part 124 of PA 268 of 1978, as amended.

Motion to Take from Table - Craig Anderson; Motion Second – Dorian Slaybod

Craig Anderson motioned to take from table the original housing investment recommendation, as presented at the December 17, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Dorian Slaybod.

Motion to Approve – Craig Anderson; Motion Second – Treavor Meachum

Craig Anderson motioned to approve the housing investment recommendation. The motion was seconded by Treavor Meachum.

Motion Defeated:

The motion was defeated unanimously. All members were opposed, none in favor or abstained from the vote.

Members discussed and made edits to the draft housing investment recommendation. The final document will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director McDowell for consider for implementation.

Motion to Approve- Craig Anderson; Motion Second – Treavor Meachum

Craig Anderson motion to approve the current housing investment recommendation, as drafted, and submit to the Director for approval.

Motion Carried:

The motion carried unanimously. All members were in favor, none opposed or abstained from the vote.

**Objective Statement Clarification**

In respect of time, Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Chair Joann Hoganson instructed this agenda item will be carried to the next Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board meeting scheduled for January 7, 2022.

**Public Comment**

Hector Arroyo provided comments throughout the meeting. Items to note:

- Request the amount be increased \$50M considering current rate of inflation.
- Increase housing capacity.
- Include seasonal and/or yearlong farmworkers with migrant labor workforce. They could address the State of Michigan Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's movement for inclusion of rural populations.

Dale Freeman thanked the Board for their dedicated work to improve and expand housing option, including all farm housing and climate control efforts.

**Round Robin**

Treavor Meachum thanked the Board for it dedicated efforts.

Joann Hoganson thanked the Board for the significant progress being made that will affect the agricultural community and workforce.

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn – Bill Groenink; Motion Second – Jessy Costilla

Bill Groenink motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jessy Costilla.

Motion Carried:

The motion carried unanimously. All members were in favor, none opposed or abstained from the vote.

The Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Meeting is Friday, January 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.