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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Rural Development Fund Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce
319 West Main Street
Gaylord, Michigan 49735

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome**
MDARD - Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Bureau Director, Agriculture and Rural Development
- 10:05 a.m. **Introductions - All**
- 10:15 a.m. **Approval of August Minutes (Action Item) - All**
- 10:20 a.m. **MiAgGrants – Grants Management System**
Tracey Barnes, Grants Program Manager
- 10:30 a.m. **Recap of 2017-2023 Grants**
Heather Throne, Food and Agriculture Business Development Division Director
- 10:45 a.m. **Review 2024 Grant Projects**
Tracey Barnes, Grants Program Manager
- 11:10 a.m. **Labor and Economic Opportunity's (LEO) Office of Rural Prosperity Update**
Lisa Miller, Director of Partnerships & Engagement
- 11:25 a.m. **Sklarczyk Seed Farm LLC Presentation**
Melissa Boersema, Chief of Operations
- 11:45 a.m. **Discussion of July Meeting**
- 11:55 a.m. **2024 Public Comment**
- 12:00 p.m. **Meeting Adjourns**

Next Meeting – July 25, 2024, in Escanaba, Michigan