

**I-69 Thumb Region - Regional Prosperity Initiative
Steering Committee Meeting
Lapeer County Health Department
1800 Imlay City Road, Lapeer, Michigan 48446
Thursday, November 12, 2015
10:30 a.m.**

MEETING NOTES

Present: Carl Osentoski, Derek Bradshaw, Dyle Henning, Eric Andreychuk, Geoff Donaldson, Janie Stewart, Jim Mcloskey, John Hoffman, Justin Horvath, Kimberly Prusak, Linda Burchell, Mary Ann Ketels, Patricia Lucas, Rachel Verschaeve, Robert McLaren, and Tricia Walding.

Others present: Courtney Irish, Bruce Seymore, Matt Flechter, Bill Bushaw, Anna Pinter, Shane Kelley, and Debby Compton.

Chairperson Osentoski called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

I. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Election of Officers

a. Chairperson

b. Vice-Chairperson

Derek Bradshaw stated that the nominating committee has nominated Patricia Lucas as Chairperson and John Hoffman as Vice-Chairperson.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Justin Horvath, **supported by** Linda Burchell, to approve the nomination of Patricia Lucas as Chairperson and John Hoffman as Vice Chairperson.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. Recycle by Design Team Challenge – Presentation

Matt Flechter, Recycling Market Development Specialist

Mr. Flechter stated that he has been traveling around the state promoting the Recycle by Design Team Challenge and looking for potential partners. He stated that the governor wants to double the State's residential recycling rate. Mr. Flechter stated that Michigan was once a leader in recycling but not anymore and the governor is looking to change that. He stated that we need to do more; use products that can be sold to the world. Build from bottom up, not top

down which is the reason for Recycle by Design Challenge. Identify challenges in getting materials from the curb to end use products. What other business opportunities can be created by recycling. Mr. Flechter stated that a toolkit will be out in February 2016. Begin to think about barriers to using recycled materials. Discussion ensued.

IV. Partnership Projects Status Update

Anna Pinter reviewed the Partnership Projects and talked about the successes, what is in progress and what is coming up.

V. 2016 Regional Prosperity Initiative Funding

a. Draft Budget

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Draft Budget.

Motion: Action: Approved, **moved by** Carl Osentoski, **supported by** Justin Horvath, to approve the Draft Budget as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Letters of Support

Derek Bradshaw stated that the deadline for the support letters will be before Thanksgiving. He stated that a follow up email will go out.

VI. 2016 Steering Committee Tentative Meeting Schedule

Anna Pinter stated that the 2016 I-69 Steering Committee meetings will be held every other month in Lapeer at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

VII. Next Steps

Derek Bradshaw stated that the Dashboard is evolving. He stated that it takes time to put one together. Not only does the data have to be collected it also has to be available. Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Elect Lucas adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Compton, Secretary
GLS Region V