



GLS REGION V PDC
January 24, 2017

The GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

I. INTRODUCTION

 Chairperson Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.


A. Roll Call

 **Present:** Derek Bradshaw, Gary Roy, Jeffrey Kelley, John Horvath, John Mandelaris, Mary Ann Ketels, Richard Van Haften, Sidney Grinnell, and Cheryl Clark.

Absent/Excused: Alan Himelhoch, Bill Henry, Charles Van Duren, Christina Johnson, David Hetfield, Ed Benning, Mike Hemmingsen, and Robert Johnson.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg, Anna Pinter, and Nichole Odette.


B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Meeting held November 15, 2016

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** John Mandelaris, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve the minutes of the GLS Region V regular meeting held on November 15, 2016.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

C. Approval of the Agenda of GLS Region V PDC Meeting to be held January 24, 2017

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Kelley, **Seconded by** Richard Van Haften, to approve the GLS Region V agenda for January 24, 2017 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Document on file with minutes)

D. Opportunity for the Public to Address the GLS Region V PDC

 No one spoke at this time.

E. Communications

 There were no Communications.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Report

1. Report

 Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Financial Report ending September 30, 2016 and the Financial Report ending November 30, 2016.


 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Richard Van Haften, **Seconded by** Gary Roy, to approve the Financial Report ending September 30, 2016 and the Financial Report ending November 30, 2016.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

2. Checks

 Derek Bradshaw reviewed the checks.


 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Kelley, **Seconded by** Richard Van Haften, to approve the checks in the amount of \$61,267.50 and to authorize the signing by the proper authorities.

Motion passed unanimously.


(Documents on file with minutes)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS


A. MAR Update

 Derek Bradshaw stated that the biggest conversation right now at the Michigan Association of Regions is about the 21st Century Infrastructure Report and whether or not the federal or state government may be interested in allocating additional revenue to address the identified infrastructure needs.


B. I-69 Thumb Region Update

 Derek Bradshaw stated that the grand prize winner of the Catapult Your Craft Food & Beverage Business Competition was The Elk Street Brewery of Sanilac County. Second place went to Harsens Island Brewery of St. Clair County and third place went to The Tap Room at Bird Creek Farms of Huron County. Anna Pinter presented some of the 11 promotional videos that have been developed so far for the Agri-Tourism Directory. The videos will be available on the Agri-Tourism Directory and I-69 Thumb Region websites, as well as for use on the individual business' websites. Ms. Pinter explained that the state decided to take an additional 30 days before awarding the 2017 RPI funding, so staff hopes to have a decision in the next week.


C. Michigan's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission Report

 Derek Bradshaw stated that the Michigan Asset Management Council has reached out to the Governor to offer assistance in the implementation of the Commission's long-term infrastructure strategy. The next step will be choosing a Prosperity Region to implement an infrastructure pilot project.


D. I-69 Thumb Region – Ecotourism

 Anna Pinter stated that the I-69 Thumb Region Tourism Subcommittee has determined they would like to focus on ecotourism through three proposed projects: 1) document existing ecotourism attractors throughout the region such as land trails, water trails, birding trails and kayaking via a similar platform as the Agri-tourism Directory; 2) host a one day Ecotourism Symposium with national and local experts to provide information regarding ecotourism; and 3) offer a region-wide mini grant opportunity that will bring awareness and visibility to local eco-tourism efforts and amenities. A Tourism Subcommittee meeting will be held in early February to finalize the details of the proposed projects.


E. I-69 Thumb Region – Recast City

 Anna Pinter stated that on February 8th Recast City will provide a training for regional leaders that will focus on strengthening local business communities and encouraging reinvestments in downtowns by working with small-scale manufacturers. Discussion ensued.

F. Regional Traffic Safety Plan Update

 Jason Nordberg stated that staff has reviewed the draft Regional Traffic Safety Plan and has requested some revisions. Staff is currently working with the consultant and MDOT to make those changes.


IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Derek Bradshaw stated that per diem sheets are available for each meeting, so please sign and turn them in by the end of each meeting. Mr. Bradshaw also stated that staff will be hosting the Annual Planning Forum on February 24th at UofM-Flint. The keynote session is Findings from Michigan's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission.

Cheryl Clark stated that on April 7th, the Land Conservation District and the KIND Program are partnering to host a Blues and Bar-B-Q fundraiser at the Center Building in Lapeer. Tickets are \$20 and the Saucecats band will be providing the music.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Grinnell Adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Richard Van Haften, **Seconded by** John Mandelaris, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission