



Newaygo County Area Promise Zone Authority Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
NC RESA Educational Services Center Board Room

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Present: Blake Prewitt (chairperson), Becky Tuuk, Scott Rumsey, Holly Moon, Jack Hendon, Pat Brown, Dick Dunning, Tim Rossler, Dawn Anderson, Kathy Pope, Scott Swinehart

Absent: Don VanSingel

Visitors: Melissa Miller, Chelsea Reynhout, Katie Mater, Loretta Towne (recorder), Jarred Hibma, David Webber, Paul Dudek, Corinne Toth

Chairperson Blake Prewitt called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Swinehart, supported by Tuuk, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Participation:

Melissa Miller introduced our guests – Jarred Hibma from H&S Companies, Corinne Toth from NCRESA and Paul Dudek and David Webber from Gerber Products.

Paul Dudek thanked the Board for allowing him and David to be present and shared that he has been involved with WE CAN! Newaygo County and the Promise Zone for several years. Skilled trades and education advancement are important to Gerber. Paul was pleased to announce that starting this year, Gerber will be investing \$125,000 in the Promise Zone over the next 5 years. A check was presented. Holly Moon shared that Gerber was one of our original supporters to help us keep our promise to Newaygo County students.

The Year in Review:

Melissa Miller shared the Year in Review data sheet. The sheet gives a historical snapshot of numbers on applications, eligibility, accepted and enrolled students along with average GPA's and tuition payments per school year. Melissa noted that our enrollment numbers will probably change as we are awaiting some updates from MCC. Acceptance and enrolled numbers are consistent with previous years. We will be adding persistence data from Year 1 to Year 2. Anticipate seeing an updated data sheet in February.

Board Members:

Motion by Moon, supported by Brown, to approve the re-appointment of renewing board member Dr. Tim Rossler for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2027. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Dunning, to approve the re-appointment of renewing board member Mr. Scott Swinehart for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2027. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Hendon, supported by Tuuk, to approve the resignation of board member Mr. Jack Hendon. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Membership to the Michigan Promise Zones Association: Motion by Swinehart, supported by Tuuk, to approve the membership dues to the Michigan Promise Zones Association for the 2024 fiscal year up to \$4,000. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Non-Profit Liability Insurance Renewal: Motion by Swinehart, supported by Brown, to approve (retroactively) the renewal of Non-Profit Management Liability Insurance from The Huttenlocher Group at an expense of \$770.00 effective until November of 2024. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Application/Renewal Timeline: Motion by Moon, supported by Tuuk, to approve the application/renewal timelines for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Swinehart, supported by Brown, to adjourn. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.



Blake Prewitt, Chairperson