



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

**REGULAR 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, Cheryl Flannery

Chairperson Blake Prewitt called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Swinehart, supported by Moon, to approve the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Holly Moon inquired about approving the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting. These will be presented for approval at the February meeting.

**Public Participation:**

Blake Prewitt welcomed Cheryl Flannery from Muskegon Community College. Cheryl shared an update on new signage being placed around our NCRESA campus to show and strengthen the Promise Zone and MCC partnership. New signage has been or will be placed on the 48th Street sign, in the Commons, outside the MCC office and in the Career Tech Center.

Scott Swinehart shared some comments he has heard from the public. A Promise Zone donor shared with him that they appreciate our staff and like how we all work together to support students. Scott also shared that he has talked with a few CPA's within our community and they would be willing to help bring more accountants into our area, focusing on new/recent college graduates. Scott will connect them with Blake and look at adding them to the advisory board for the new accounting program at the Career Tech Center.

**Scott Rumsey presented the following report on behalf of the Operations Subcommittee:**

- Melissa shared an FYI about our Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Incumbency that these will now be added to our February meeting annually for signatures.
- Melissa talked about the CTC Early Middle College program and how it is similar to the Early College Newaygo County (ECNC) program. We now have CTC students in their 13th year of the program and we look forward to asking the Promise Zone to support them in their 13th year as we have done with ECNC students in the past.

Year-End Appeal Mailing: Motion by Moon, supported by Rumsey, to approve payment of up to \$2,000.00 to KCI for the year-end appeal mailing expenses. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

**Information from Promise Zone Board Members:**

Tim Rossler shared that he had read about Governor Whitmer’s new initiative for education from Pre-K to grade 14 and wondered if that would have any impact on us as a Promise Zone. Blake share that most likely there would be no impact on us but until the legislation is written and approved, we will not know.

**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

  
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Blake Prewitt, Chairperson