

**MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2024**

Member Present

Quentin L. Messer, Jr.

Members Joined Remotely

Britany L. Affolter-Caine
Director Corbin
Wesley Eklund
Rachael Eubanks
Dimitrius Hutcherson
Michael B. Kapp (in lieu of Director Wieferich)
Dan Meyering
Leon Richardson
Susan Tellier
Randy Thelen
Cindy Warner

Absent

Charles P. Rothstein

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mr. Messer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The meeting was held in person in the Lake Michigan Conference Room at the MEDC headquarters building in Lansing.

Mr. Messer introduced Natalie Davenport, MSF Board Liaison, who conducted the attendance roll call.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Thelen joined the meeting remotely at 10:05 a.m.

Susan Tellier joined the meeting remotely at 10:10 a.m.

Ms. Natalie Davenport explained the process for members of the public to participate. Public comment was had.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Davenport stated that six (6) communications were emailed to the MSF Board on Friday, May 17th.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2024-075, Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Quentin L. Messer Jr. asked if there were any questions from Board members regarding items under the Consent Agenda. There being none, Randy Thelen motioned for the approval of the following:

- a. Proposed April 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- b. Travel Marketing: Approval of Accessibility Grant Award Recommendations Round Two **2024-076**
- c. Request for Proposals: Germany/Austria/Switzerland Tourism Marketing Representative **2024-077**
- d. Request for Proposals: United Kingdom/Ireland/Scotland Tourism Marketing Representative **2024-078**
- e. FY24 Contract Amendment: Michigan Israel Business Accelerator **2024-079**
- f. Detroit Medical Center Renaissance Zone Extension **2024-080**
- g. SHPO Dairy Distillery Memorandum of Agreement & Constantine Hydroelectric Programmatic Agreement **2024-081 & 2024-082**
- h. Bogan Developments, LLC: MCRP Grant Amendment **2024-083**
- i. MSF Designee to the American Center for Mobility's Board of Directors **2024-084**

Randy Thelen motioned for the approval of Resolution 2024-075 to approve the consent agenda. Susan Tellier seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

Cindy Warner left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Wesley Eklund, Rachael Eubanks, Michael B. Kapp (in lieu of Director Wieferich), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Dan Meyering, Susan Tellier, Randy Thelen; Nays: None; Recused: None.

Susan Corbin joined the meeting remotely at 10:52 a.m.

Leon Richardson joined the meeting remotely at 10:55 a.m.

V. ATTRACT, RETAIN, AND GROW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 2024-085 Strategic Site Readiness Program Grant for the Flint and Genesee Group Foundation. Christin Armstrong, Senior Vice President of Business Development Programs and Execution, supported by Tyler Rossmassler of the Flint & Genesee Economic Alliance, provided the Board with information regarding this action. This action involves the consideration of a resolution to approve a Strategic Site Readiness Program grant in the amount of \$250,000,000 for the Flint and Genesee Group Foundation.

Wesley Eklund left the meeting at 11:02 a.m. due to connection issues.

Following discussion, Quentin L. Messer, Jr. motioned for the approval of Resolution 2024-085

for the approval of the Strategic Site Readiness Program grant. Leon Richardson seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Michael B. Kapp (in lieu of Director Wieferich), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Dan Meyering, Leon Richardson, Susan Tellier, Randy Thelen; Nays: None; Recused: None.

Dimitrius Hutcherson joined the meeting remotely at 11:03 a.m.

Wesley Eklund rejoined the meeting remotely at 11:05 a.m.

VI. DEVELOP ATTRACTIVE PLACES

a. Resolutions 2024-086 & 2024-087 Ironworks 39, LLC Michigan Community Revitalization Program Other Economic Assistance loan and Act 381 Work Plan. Sarah Snoeyink, Community Development Manager, supported by Trisha Kidd of Plaza Corp, provided the Board with information regarding this action. This action involves the consideration of two resolutions to approve a Michigan Community Revitalization Program Other Economic Assistance loan for Ironworks 39, LLC, and an Act 381 Work Plan for the City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Following discussion, Quentin L. Messer, Jr. motioned for the approval of Resolution 2024-086 for the approval of the Michigan Community Revitalization Program Other Economic Assistance loan. Britany L. Affolter-Caine seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Wesley Eklund, Rachael Eubanks, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (in lieu of Director Wieferich), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Dan Meyering, Leon Richardson, Susan Tellier, Randy Thelen; Nays: None; Recused: None.

Randy Thelen motioned for the approval of Resolution 2024-087 for the approval of the Act 381 Work Plan. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Wesley Eklund, Rachael Eubanks, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (in lieu of Director Wieferich), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Dan Meyering, Leon Richardson, Susan Tellier, Randy Thelen; Nays: None; Recused: None.

b. Resolution 2024-088 Revitalization And Placemaking Grant Awards. Lori Mullins, Vice President of Place Incentives, provided the Board with information regarding this action. This action involves the consideration of a resolution to approve an increase of \$250,000 to the existing Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) grant to the Flint and Genesee Chamber Foundation, bringing their total grant amount to \$10,250,000, a RAP grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 to support The Products on Evans, LLC, and a RAP grant the amount of up to

\$6,500,000 for Sawmill Lofts, LLC.

Dimitrius Hutcherson motioned for the approval of Resolution 2024-088 for the approval of the Revitalization and Placemaking awards. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Susan Corbin, Wesley Eklund, Rachael Eubanks, Dimitrius Hutcherson, Michael B. Kapp (in lieu of Director Wieferich), Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Dan Meyering, Leon Richardson, Susan Tellier, Randy Thelen; Nays: None; Recused: None.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

a. Quentin L. Messer, Jr. noted the Michigan Strategic Fund Delegation of Authority Report for the period April 1, 2024, to April 30, 2024, was included in the meeting packet. There were no questions regarding the report.

Quentin L. Messer, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

BRADLEY C. WIEFERICH, P.E.
ACTING DIRECTOR

January 3, 2023

Ms. Rhonda Bishop
Board Relations Liaison
Michigan Strategic Fund Office
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Ms. Bishop:

I hereby confirm and ratify my designation of Michael B. Kapp, Administrator, Michigan Department of Transportation, as the person authorized and empowered to act in my stead for Michigan Strategic Fund meetings that I am unable to attend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bradley C. Wieferich".

Bradley C. Wieferich, P.E.
Acting Director

cc: M. Kapp
Executive File

Natalie Davenport (MEDC)

From: derekbonevelle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Derek Bonevelle
<derekbonevelle@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:17 PM
To: MEDC MSF Comments
Subject: Comments: No Funding for Copperwood Mine Project

Dear Michigan Strategic Fund Board Comments,

I am writing to urge you to oppose investment in the Copperwood mine. The potential long term harmful impacts of the mine on the community's local economy far outweigh the short-term economic benefits. I do not believe that this project meets the following criteria for the Strategic Site Readiness Program application, as this mine: 1. does not promote sustainable development 2. creates an unacceptable level and extent of environmental contamination and 3. is a poor overall return on investment to Michigan. My opposition is based on the following concerns:

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2. Copperwood poses a significant threat to Lake Superior, which contains 10% of the world's surface freshwater. The company's maps clearly show that the best copper is closest to the lakeshore. The proposed location of the tailings facility is dangerously close to Lake Superior and will store over 50 million tons of toxic mine waste and introduce the risk of acid mine drainage.
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

For the Great Lakes,
Mr. Derek Bonevelle
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derekbonevelle@gmail.com

Natalie Davenport (MEDC)

From: karinkozie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karin Kozie
<karinkozie@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 5, 2024 8:18 PM
To: MEDC MSF Comments
Subject: Comments: No Funding for Copperwood Mine Project

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

For the Great Lakes,
Ms. Karin Kozie
29580 County Highway C Washburn, WI 54891-4810 karinkozie@gmail.com

Natalie Davenport (MEDC)

From: madeline.hart@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Madeline Hart
<madeline.hart@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:54 PM
To: MEDC MSF Comments
Subject: Comments: No Funding for Copperwood Mine Project

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For the Great Lakes,
Mrs. Madeline Hart
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Natalie Davenport (MEDC)

From: m2top.sl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Max Topping
<m2top.sl@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:16 PM
To: MEDC MSF Comments
Subject: Comments: No Funding for Copperwood Mine Project

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Natalie Davenport (MEDC)

From: tmcongdon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tina Congdon
<tmcongdon@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 5, 2024 4:57 PM
To: MEDC MSF Comments
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