

**GST MICHIGAN WORKS!
GOVERNING AGENCY BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES
February 12, 2021**

9:30 A.M.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Bryant Nolden.

Sanilac Commissioner Ballard	X	Lapeer Commissioner Warren	X
Huron Commissioner Bodis	X	Shiawassee Commissioner Webster	X
Tuscola Commissioner DuRussel	X	Tuscola Commissioner Young	X
Sanilac Commissioner Heberling	X	Genesee County Alternate Ellenburg	X
Genesee Commissioner Newman	X	Huron County Alternate	
Genesee Commissioner Nolden	X	Lapeer County Alternate	
Shiawassee Commissioner Plowman	X	Sanilac County Alternate	
Lapeer Commissioner Roy		Shiawassee County Alternate	
Huron Commissioner Talaski		Tuscola County Alternate	

Welcome & Introductions were conducted.

10 members were present as well as 1 alternate. An X indicates present members.

Staff present were Sharon Bowen, Kelly Cook, Jessica Billiau, Wendy Paxton and Helen Brown.

II. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Nolden called for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Bodis moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Young supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden asked for discussion on roll call vote. Members felt it was not necessary in that members could express their objection if a nay vote was cast. Commissioner Nolden called for vote on the agenda approval.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Action Items

A. Election of Secretary for 2021

Commissioner Nolden called for nominations for Election of Secretary. Commissioner Warren nominated himself.

Commissioner Bodis moved to approve the nomination. Commissioner Nolden called for other nominations. As there

were none, Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.
All members voted AYE.
MOTION PASSED.

B. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

Commissioner Nolden called for approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Bodis moved for approval. Commissioner Plowman supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.
All present voted AYE.
MOTION PASSED.

V. Financial Report

Kelly Cook presented the Agency and Grant Budget expenditure report for July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. As we had five new members, she explained in detail the difference in the agency budget and the grant budget. Questions ensued regarding time limits to spend under different categories. Commissioner Nolden call for approval. Commissioner Warren moved for approval. Commissioner Bodis supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for roll call vote.
All present voted aye.
MOTION PASSED.

VI. Finance Committee Report

Commissioner Nolden reported that the check run had been reviewed by committee and everything seemed to be in order. Commissioner Nolden called for approval. Commissioner Bodis moved to approve the payment of invoices in check register payment history for Board report dated December 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021. Commissioner Young supported the motion. Commissioner Nolden called for discussion. Commissioner Nolden called for vote.
All present voted AYE.
MOTION PASSED.

VII. COO Updates

Sharon Bowen brought the following update to the board:

- Jody Kerbyson, CEO is doing well.
- A Board Orientation was held today for new board members. Thanks to Commissioner Nolden for his presence and input.
- Because of the pandemic, staff members were trained to answer UIA calls. Overall, 84,000 calls were answered by GST.
- We continue to receive calls for assistance in directing clients who are in need of help. Help was requested recently by a Shiawassee County Commissioner for someone who was in dire need. Through follow-up by GST, the individual received five weeks of UI. If board members know of people needing help, let us know. We are limited, but we will do all we can.
- We are working on the RFP for furniture which was approved by the board at the last meeting. The furniture is for the Marlette office as well as some Flint offices.
- We submitted \$1,789,000 in Going Pro applications. This is the first time all applications were approved.
- We purchased a new Learning Management System which will track staff training and certification. It will be up and running with it shortly. Hunting just merged with another bank. They have a large call center in Flint.

VIII. Board Member Comments/Other Business

Commissioner Warren thanked staff for sending the zoom sign-in information again. It helped greatly when it was at the top of his emails and he didn't have to search for it.

Commissioner Young inquired about the status of the county offices. Most staff work remotely and come in as needed

Commissioner Warren notified everyone that the Lapeer offices opens as of the 22nd.

Shiawassee County Commissioner Plowman thanked staff on behalf of Shiawassee County for assistance in helping the gentleman in need of UI help recently.

Commissioner Nolden was contacted by Huntington Bank regarding potential partnership. This was forwarded to staff who followed up and scheduled a meeting with them. There will be a lot of employment opportunities because of this partnership. Commissioner Nolden felt 150-200 jobs will result.

Sanilac County Commissioner Heberling apologized for his late arrival. Emails sent by staff had gone to his junk mail.

IX. Adjournment

Seeing there was no other business, Commissioner Nolden called the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Warren, Secretary

Helen Brown, Support Staff

 3/12/21

Rick Warren, Secretary

Date