

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m., Friday, August 9, 2019

SWMPC Conference Room

376 West Main St., Suite 130

Benton Harbor, Michigan

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Hanson, Chair, Van Buren County Commissioner
Linda Preston, Secretary, Cass County Townships Representative
Yemi Akinwale, Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Richard Remus, Alternate Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Kristen Gundersen, Alternate Secretary, Berrien County Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Teri Sue Freehling, Vice Chair, Berrien County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

K. John Egelhaaf, Executive Director
Patrice Rose, Office Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Hanson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led the Committee members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Office Manager, Patrice Rose, took roll call.

2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF MEETING AGENDA

Rich Remus moved to "**ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**" Yemi Akinwale seconded and the motion carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATION

• Berrien Community Foundation/Upton Foundation–Love Your Community Grant

Executive Director, John Egelhaaf presented an overview of the grant opportunity and application details, describing what SWMPC is and highlighting three recent projects: Paw Paw River Water Trail, Lake Michigan Tributaries, and the Napier Corridor Study. Egelhaaf went on to explain that SWMPC is requesting \$50,000 for the **Paddle Berrien County** Initiative, for the development of water trail plans for all of Berrien County's waterways (Galien River, St. Joseph River, Paw Paw River, Ox Creek, Hickory Creek, Dowagiac River and Lake Michigan coastline). Questions and discussion followed. Linda Preston expressed that it is a wonderful opportunity, and "**MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BERRIEN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**". Kristen Gunderson seconded, and the motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT


None

5. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. John Egelhaaf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: August 9, 2019