

**MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND
FINAL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
March 19, 2020**

Member Present

Mark Burton

Members joined by phone

Britany L. Affolter-Caine

Ronald W. Beebe

Jeff Donofrio

Paul Gentilozzi

September Hargrove

Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba)

Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks)

Charles P. Rothstein

Susan Tellier

Cindy Warner

Mr. Burton called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. He summarized the purpose of the special virtual meeting and stressed the need to deploy available resources to quickly assist front line small businesses facing the COVID-19 emergency.

He thanked Jeff Mason for his service to the board and wished him well on his retirement. He also thanked various board members for their guidance as he begins his role as President & CEO of the MEDC and confirmed his commitment to be a good partner with the Board.

Public Comments: Mr. Burton introduced Brian Krantz, Senior IT Project Manager, who provided public comment instructions for individuals participating by telephone. The public comments follow.

Zachary Morris, Executive Director of Market Van Buren, a Southwest Michigan-based non-profit, expressed support for the creation of the Michigan Small Business Relief Program. He concluded by recommending that funding be dispersed equally across regions.

Bob Trezise, President & CEO of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), expressed support for the Michigan Small Business Relief Program. He encouraged that the program should have a sense of objectiveness and transparency, especially within the disbursement process. He also disclosed his displeasure with the MEDC recommendation to deny the request for state tax capture for Brownfield Act 381 eligible activities connected to the Red Cedar Development project. He emphasized that the project is shovel ready and if the denial was approved, hundreds of workers will lose their jobs. He welcomed an additional opportunity to discuss the details of the project at a different setting.

Senator Curtis Hertel Jr. commended Governor Whitmer for the steps taken to protect Michigan residents from the spread of COVID-19. He expressed support for the Red Cedar Development project and asked the MSF Board to table the vote so that the project can be discussed further. He felt that new information came very late to those who have been involved in this process. He encouraged everyone to come to the table with an open mind. He concluded by acknowledging that sewerage work has already begun and the impact of denying the project would have negative consequences for the city.

Frank Kass, a Principal for the Continental Management Company, expressed displeasure over the MEDC process for the Red Cedar Development project. He explained the varied challenges with development of the construction site and emphasized the extensive length of time it took to get the site shovel ready.

Given the virtual environment, no time restrictions were placed on public comment.

Communications: None

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda Item

Mr. Burton asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding the item under the Consent Agenda. There being none, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of the following:

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Andrew Lockwood seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

B. BUSINESS INVESTMENT

B1. Business Growth

Resolutions 2020-032 & 2020-033 Michigan Small Business Relief Program – Approval of Funding, Program Guidelines and Delegation of Authority

Josh Hundt, Executive Vice President & Chief Business Development Officer, provided the Board with information regarding these action items. Following questions and discussion, Mark Burton motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-032. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Mark Burton motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-033. Jeff Donofrio seconded the motion. However, upon additional discussion regarding the time period for the delegation of authority, the motion was withdrawn. Ronald W. Beebe motioned to amend the resolution to include a one-year sunset for the delegation of authority for the Michigan Small Business Relief Program. The motion was seconded by Paul Gentilozzi. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Mark Burton then motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-033, as amended. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

C. COMMUNITY VITALITY

Mr. Burton, MSF board chairperson, advised board members that the order of agenda items was being modified at the request of a Board member. The Red Cedar Development project was moved up.

Resolution 2020-034 City of Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (Red Cedar Development Project) – Brownfield Act 381 Work Plan

Michele Wildman, Senior Vice President of Community Development, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. Mark Burton motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-034. Charles P. Rothstein seconded the motion. Prior to voting, Paul Gentilozzi and Ronald W. Beebe offered comments in opposition to the resolution. **The motion carried: 8 ayes; 2 nays; 0 recused; 1 abstained.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, September Hargrove, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: Ronald W. Beebe, Paul Gentilozzi; Recused: None; Abstained: Britany L. Affolter-Caine.

Paul Gentilozzi and Charles P. Rothstein left the meeting.

Resolution 2020-035 Lofts on Alabama, LLC – MCRP Other Economic Assistance Award Amendment

Lori Mullins, Director of Community Development Incentives, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. Following discussion, Mark Burton motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-035. Jeff Donofrio seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, September Hargrove, Michael B. Kapp (on behalf of Director Ajegba, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Mr. Burton adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.



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DIRECTOR

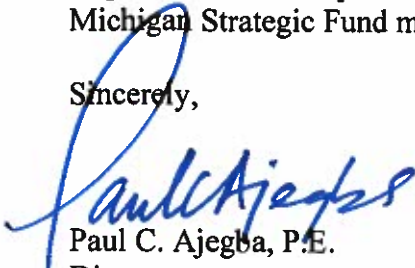
February 3, 2020

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,



Paul C. Ajegba, P.E.
Director

cc: M. Kapp
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January 16, 2020

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

Re: Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Designee for Treasurer Eubanks

Dear Ms. Bishop:

I hereby designate Andrew Lockwood to attend all Michigan Strategic Fund meetings that I am unable to attend in 2020.

If you need anything additional, please contact Kara Kabia at (517) 241-2624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachael Eubanks".

Rachael Eubanks
State Treasurer

Cc: Eric Bussis
Andrew Lockwood