

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD MEETING OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 23, 2014
PLACE OF MEETING: County Administration Building
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, 207a
TIME: 4:00 pm (after KCBRA Board Meeting)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Members Excused
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of July 24, 2014
5. Citizens Comments (4 minutes each / Please state name and address)
6. Discussion and/or Action Calendar
 - a. *Discussion:* Regional Prosperity Initiative
7. Staff Reports
 - a. None
8. Other
9. Board Member Comments
10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: 4th Thursday – January 22nd, 2014 (room 207a, County Admin Bldg)
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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING

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Minutes

Present: Ken Peregon, Thell Woods, Andy Wenzel, Anne Summerfield, Christopher Carew, Travis Grimwood

Members Excused: Joe Agostinelli, James Spurr, Habib Mandwee, Tim Hudson, Julie Rogers

Kalamazoo Township: George Cochran

Staff: Lotta Jarnefelt, Lee Adams

Consultant: Jeff Hawkins

Recording Secretary: Zeña Vos

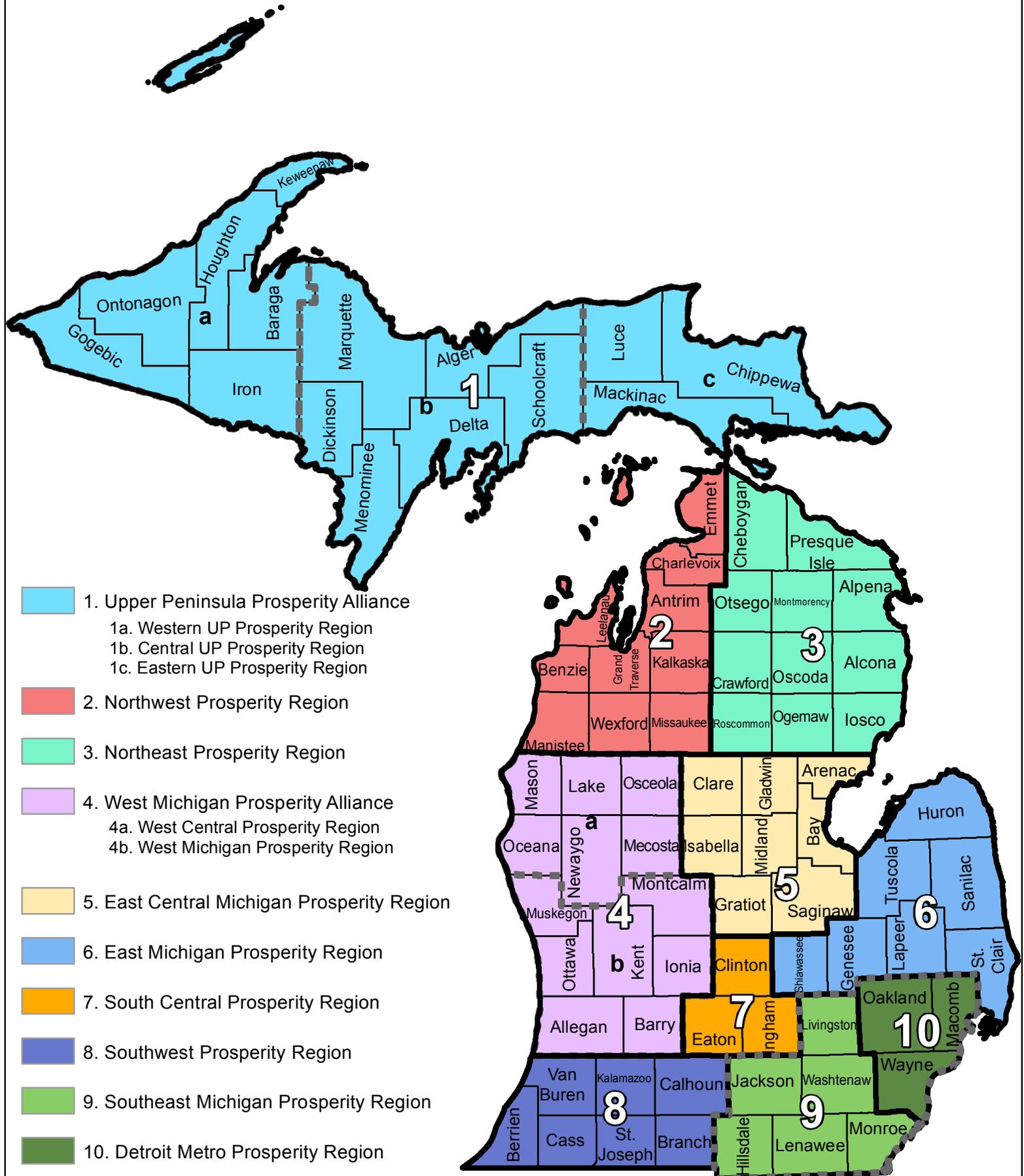
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1. Vice Chair Peregon called the meeting to Order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Members Excused: Joe Agostinelli, James Spurr, Habib Mandwee, Tim Hudson, Thell Woods
3. Approval of the Agenda: **Peregon moved and Summerfield seconded the approval of agenda. Motion Carried.**
4. Approval of Minutes: **Summerfield moved and Carew seconded the approval of April 24, 2014 minutes. Motion Carried.**
5. Citizens Comments: None
6. Discussion and/or Action Calendar:
 - a. Presentation by Woods on MEDA conference
Woods indicated, in an email to staff, that he will give his full presentation at the next meeting. He also noted that crowd funding for economic development is growing in notoriety as evidenced by the number of websites devoted to the concept. An increase in utilization is only seen in the US but also in several other counties.
7. Reports: Staff and Committees:
 - a. None
8. Other:
 - a. None
9. Board Member Comments:
 - Wenzel and Summerfield made comments about Southwest Michigan First and their role in economic development.
 - Several members of the board participated in a brief discussion regarding Southwest Michigan First (SMF) and their role in economic development.
 - Hawkins suggested having more regular communication with SMF at EDC meetings.
 - Summerfield expressed an interest in working collaboratively with SMF.
10. Adjournment at 5:40

Next Meeting: 4th Thursday – October 23, 2014

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State of Michigan Prosperity Regions



- 1. Upper Peninsula Prosperity Alliance
 - 1a. Western UP Prosperity Region
 - 1b. Central UP Prosperity Region
 - 1c. Eastern UP Prosperity Region
- 2. Northwest Prosperity Region
- 3. Northeast Prosperity Region
- 4. West Michigan Prosperity Alliance
 - 4a. West Central Prosperity Region
 - 4b. West Michigan Prosperity Region
- 5. East Central Michigan Prosperity Region
- 6. East Michigan Prosperity Region
- 7. South Central Prosperity Region
- 8. Southwest Prosperity Region
- 9. Southeast Michigan Prosperity Region
- 10. Detroit Metro Prosperity Region
- Service Delivery Regions