1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by John Weiss.

Present:  
John Weiss - GVMC  
Erin Kuhn – WMSRDC  
Kevin Stotts – Talent 2025  
Rick Chapla – The Right Place  
Doug Wood – Orchard View Public Schools  
Jim Sandy – Mecosta County Development Corp.  
Ed Garner – Muskegon Area First  
Andy Johnston – Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce  
Anne Armstrong Cusak – Office of Governor Snyder  
Kiesha Guy – Muskegon Oceana Community Action Partnership  
Paul Griffith – Michigan Works! West Central  
Dave Bee – West Michigan Regional Planning Commission  
Doug Wood – Orchard View Community Education  
Jacob Maas – West Michigan Works!  
Andy Johnston – Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce  
Crystal Young – West Shore Community College  
Roger Safford - HNTB  
Jennifer Owens – Lakeshore Advantage  
Dan Rinsema-Sybenga – Muskegon Community College  
Brenda Nyhof – Allegan Adult Education  
Jim Fisher - Padnos  
Bill Raymond – Ottawa County Community Action  
Dan Peterson – 8Cap  
Bill Huizenga – U.S. Congressman

2. **Public Comment**

None

3. **Request by Muskegon Port**

Erin Kuhn reported on the success of the Muskegon Port project and the upcoming Port Day, July 26. The Port of Muskegon group is requesting funding from the RPI for 1/3 (approx. $2,500) of the Public Relations / Communications costs for the event.
MOTION – To Award the Muskegon Port Project 1/3 of their Public Relations Invoice (approx $2,500). MOTION – Jim Sandy. SUPPORT – Jim Fisher. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Dashboard Update

Rick Chapla updated the group on the Dashboard project. The dashboard will gather economic, social and environmental data. The project is in its last call for comments phase and should be completed by September.

5. Call for Projects

Erin Kuhn reported on the Call for Projects. The Region IV West Michigan Prosperity Alliance is unique in how RPI regions use their funding. Region IV puts the majority of dollars back into the local economy by funding regionally significant projects. The initial call went out the end of May and requests are due by July 17. All requests will be reviewed according to established criteria and those that most closely match will be presented at the October 3rd meeting at the GVSU Seidman Center to be voted on. Total grant allotment = $213,000.

Criteria for projects are:

- Long term sustainability
- Regional impact
- Opportunity for varied skills
- Regional strengths and challenges
- Public / private partnerships

6. Special Guest Congressman Bill Huizenga

Andy Johnston introduced Congressman Bill Huizenga.

Congressman Huizenga acknowledged the importance of the lakeshore area to all of Michigan and bi-partisan efforts to protect & improve both the ecosystem and economic vitality.

Issues covered include:

- Dredging
- The Badger Ferry
- Regional Cooperation
- Committee Work in Congress

7. Adjourn