

Regular Board Meeting
June 17, 2025, 4:30pm 4388 W M-72 HWY, Grayling

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Karl Schreiner.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Karl Schreiner, Sandy Woods, Jason Thompson, Cheryl Wolken, Laurie Jamison, Shannon Sorenson, and Mark Ostahowski.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Laurie Jamison and Jason Thompson is absent.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Brian McLaughlin, Lorelei King, Sydney Funnell, and Lynn Cheney.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Schreiner. A prayer was offered by Schreiner.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

Motion by Wolken to approve the agenda for June 17, 2025, supported by Woods. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Ostahowski, to approve the minutes dated May 20, 2025, and June 3, 2025, supported by Wolken. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussed the financial report.

Motion by Woods, to accept and file the financial report dated April 30, supported by Wolken. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

A. Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging – Scott Ulery

No meeting to report on.

B. Michigan Senior Advocates Council (MASC) – Lorelei King

King handed out a packet called Communication Best Practices. Discussed agism and flip the script. Do not use the word senior to talk about older adults. When using senior is denotes frail, old age, lost their usefulness. Instead define what age group you are talking about, for example older adults aged 60-70.

MASC, May 28th meeting, senate passed an 84.5 billion dollar budget with major investments in healthcare, infrastructure, and older adult services. However, shortly after that was passed, the house issued resolution 113 that accused the senate of violating the constitution. Claiming that the house appropriations funds were in excess of available revenue. So now it is going back to the drawing board again.

C. Directors Report

Discussed the Directors report. The Commission on Aging received the Meals on Wheels Loves Pets Regional Cohort Grant for \$5,500.

Motion by Ostahowski, to receive and file the director's report, supported by Sorenson. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. MIOSHA

Director McLaughlin went over the MIOSHA report and findings. In November of 2024 a staff member reported on the Commission on Aging for issues within a client homes.

Motion made by Sorenson, receive and file the MIOSHA report, supported by Ostahowski. Ayes (5) five, Nays (0) zero. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Sorenson asked about the Huntington grant. She will follow up on it tomorrow.

Woods asked about the numbers for the special dinner. There were approximately 240 participants.

Sorenson did a fraud presentation in the Sault Saint Marie and had 24 participants. When we have done it here and have not had the same participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sydney Funnell stated that on July 11th there will be a dementia webinar at 1pm. Please spread the word.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Woods, Secretary

Recorded by Lynn Cheney