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**Cheboygan County Heritage Route
Meeting Minutes
6/12/08**

Present: Kim Pappas, Mike Overton, Lois Byrd, Jack Keck, Dave Langhorst, Laura Ingles

Over a delicious lunch provided by the Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce, the meeting started with an overview of the Heritage Route program by Laura and Dave. Senator Shelton worked hard to get US 23 designated as a Heritage Route before he retired. Heritage Routes are an asset to communities because MDOT contracts with the local COG's to give technical assistance to the programs. With the US 23 Sunrise Side Coast Highway, NEMCOG will work with the individual counties to accomplish projects that each county feels are their priorities. Lively discussion focused around the management council. Dave clarified to the team that counties are not required to be involved with the management council if they do not wish. NEMCOG works with individual county teams and continuity can be created through them. The general consensus was that everyone was interested in working on the Heritage Route program again.

The draft brochure was distributed and reviewed. Kim felt that it was something that the Chamber would like to include in their annual Visitor's Guide. Mike noticed that a trail needed changing. Community involvement for accurate local data is vital. The draft website was reviewed. The next meeting we will determine how to utilize the high school students to assist in gathering and correcting business information to use with the website. More input on both projects will occur at the next meeting.

The team will review the management plan for Cheboygan County and update it. Some items have been completed while others have not. Priorities for projects may have changed with time. The team wants to focus on projects within the county.

Jack Keck asked to see the Management Plan as many from Cheboygan had worked hard on it. He was pleased with what he saw. Laura is to email copies to the team along with the team list. Jack asked that Dave be at as many meetings as possible as the team is re-organized. Dave agreed.

Next Meeting: TBD via email with the choice of July 10th or July 17th at 11:30 am at the Cheboygan Chamber office. Final date will be determined by which date most people can attend.

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