

MINUTES

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Held Remotely Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Freehling, Teri Sue, Chair, Berrien County Commissioner
Marchetti, Roseann, Vice Chair, Cass County Commissioner
Akinwale, Yemi, Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Preston, Linda, Secretary, Cass County Representative
Gundersen, Kristen, Alternate Secretary, Berrien County Representative
Remus, Richard, Alternate Treasurer, Berrien County Representative
Curran, Jim, Berrien County Commissioner
DeLong, Don, Cass County Representative
Doroh, Kurt, Van Buren County Commissioner
Fette, Dan, Berrien County Representative
Foerster, David, Van Buren County Representative
Hanson, Don, Van Buren County Commissioner
Hanson, Sandra, Van Buren County Representative
Janssen, Judy, Van Buren County Representative
Meeks, Donnie, Berrien County Commissioner
Morris, Zach, Van Buren County Economic Development Ex-Officio
Pantaleo, Paul, Berrien County Representative
Patterson-Gladney, Gail, Van Buren County Commissioner
Payne, Gloria, Berrien County Representative
Stauffer, Dick, Berrien County Representative
Torzynski, Robert, Pokagon Band Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Laylin, Leon, Cass County Representative
Newton, Matthew, Van Buren County Representative
Schueneman, James, Berrien County Representative
Stover, Jim, Berrien County Representative
Tyler, Doug, Cass County Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

K. John Egelhaaf, Executive Director
Patrice Rose, Office Manager
Kim Gallagher, Senior Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Teri Sue Freehling called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Office Manager, Patrice Rose took roll call and a quorum was present.

2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Freehling presented the Agenda. Kurt Doroh moved to “**ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**” Roseann Marchetti seconded. A roll call vote was taken, the motion carried.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Egelhaaf gave a brief overview of the report, highlighting the Three Oaks Asset Management Plan, the SWMPC Goals that are continuing to improve with staff input and the SWMPC Back to Work Plan. Gail Patterson Gladney inquired about the intern and is pleased that we have an intern program. Yemi Akinwale moved to “**ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.**” Don DeLong seconded the motion, which carried.

4. 2022 NATS & TWINCATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAMS

Director Egelhaaf presented the NATS & TWINCATS 2021 Unified work Programs.

- **FY 2022 NATS Unified Work Program**

Roseann Marchetti moved to “**APPROVE THE NATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AS PRESENTED.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

- **FY 2022 TwinCATS Unified Work Program**

Paul Pantaleo moved to “**APPROVE THE TWINCATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AS PRESENTED.**” Dick Stauffer. A roll call vote was taken the motion was approved.

5. SWMPC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Director Egelhaaf presented the SWMPC Annual Report, highlighting the new approach taken and the reporting of key projects in the report, as opposed to reporting on all projects. He solicited comments and feedback. Overall, the Annual Report was well received. Dick Stauffer stated that he is impressed with the document. Kurt Doroh asked if the report is going out to the counties. Egelhaaf stated that once it is approved it will be made available on the SWMPC website. Kurt Doroh moved to “**APPROVE THE SWMPC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

6. PLANNER PPRESENTATION – KIM GALLAGHER

Senior Planner, Kim Gallagher presented on the topic of *Metropolitan Transportation Planning – What projects and changes has the federal response to COVID brought about in SW Michigan.* Topics covered were COVID Relief Funding related to transit and roads. Discussion followed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT


None

8. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: June 15, 2021

SWMPC Mission Statement

Our team uses its passion and expertise to connect people, assist communities and advance cooperative solutions to regional challenges experienced by the communities that created us.