

# **MINUTES**

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:30 a.m.

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499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hanson, Don, Chair, Van Buren 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  
DeLong, Don, Cass County Representative  
Foerster, David, Van Buren County Representative  
Hanson, Sandra, Van Buren County Representative  
Janssen, Judy, Van Buren County Representative  
Laylin, Leon, Cass County Representative  
Marchetti, Roseann, Cass County Commissioner  
Meeks, Donnie, Berrien County Commissioner  
Newton, Matthew, Van Buren County Representative  
Pantaleo, Paul, Berrien County Representative  
Patterson-Gladney, Gail, Van Buren County Commissioner  
Schueneman, James, Berrien County Representative  
Stauffer, Dick, Berrien County Representative  
Stover, Jim, Berrien County Representative  
Torzynski, Robert, Pokagon Band Representative  
Tyler, Doug, Cass County Representative

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Freehling, Teri Sue, Vice Chair, Berrien County Commissioner  
Curran, Jim, Berrien County Commissioner  
Doroh, Kurt, Van Buren County Commissioner  
Fette, Dan, Berrien County Representative  
Payne, Gloria, Berrien County Representative

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

K. John Egelhaaf, Executive Director  
Patrice Rose, Office Manager  
Jerrid Burdue, Associate Planner

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Don Hanson called the meeting to order at 9:30 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**

- a. Meeting Agenda\*
- b. Minutes of Commission Meeting, \*
- c. Chairman's Report
- d. Treasurer's Report\*

Chair Hanson presented the Agenda. Jim Stover moved to “**ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**” Yemi Akinwale seconded. The motion carried.

**3. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, August 9, 2019**

Rich Remus requested a synopsis of the meeting, to inform the Board of its purpose. Director Egelhaaf indicated that in order to apply for the “Love Your Community” grant through the Berrien Community Foundation, Board approval was necessary prior to the application deadline, which was prior to today's meeting of the Full Commission.

Linda Preston moved to “**APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**” Sandra Hanson supported and the motion was approved.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director John Egelhaaf gave an overview of the report, highlighting the grant for updating the SWMPC website, noting that we would hire an independent designer while continuing to work with the Land Information Access Association. Egelhaaf also touched on the Water Trail Planning. Egelhaaf also noted that RPI Grant submissions are due soon, stating that housing is big and they are developing a housing toolkit that will be available in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020. Gail Patterson-Gladney moved to “**ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**” Leon Laylin seconded the motion, which carried.

**5. FEATURED PLANNER PRESENTATION – EDA**

Director Egelhaaf introduced Associate Planner, Jerrid Burdue, who gave an overview of the projects that he has been working on since joining SWMPC in May. Among the topics he discussed were the CEDS Annual Report, SWMPC Annual Report and an update of Palisades Nuclear Plant closure. Rich Remus inquired if we have been in contact with Cook Nuclear Plant, Egelhaaf stated that we have not yet been funded, therefore are not fully engaged.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**7. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Dick Stauffer, stated that the difficulties Lincoln Township was experiencing with regard to the non-motorized trail on Roosevelt Road have been resolved.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Respectfully submitted by:

K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: October 6, 2019