

MINUTES

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
Full Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:30 a.m.
Van Buren ISD Conference Center
490 South Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hanson, Don, Chair, Van Buren County Commissioner
Freehling, Teri Sue, Vice Chair, Berrien 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
Foerster, David, Van Buren County Representative
Hanson, Sandra, Van Buren County Representative
Janssen, Judy, Van Buren County Representative
Laylin, Leon, Cass County Representative
Marchetti, Rosann, Cass County Commissioner
Meeks, Donnie, Berrien County Commissioner
Patterson-Gladney, Gail, Van Buren County Commissioner
Payne, Gloria, Berrien County Representative
Schueneman, James, Berrien County Representative
Stauffer, Dick, Berrien County Representative
Torzynski, Robert, Pokagon Band Representative
Tyler, Doug, Cass County Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fette, Dan, Berrien County Representative
Newton, Matthew, Van Buren County Representative
Pantaleo, Paul, Berrien County Representative
Stover, Jim, Berrien County Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Marcy Hamilton, Deputy Director
Patrice Rose, Office Manager
Kim Gallagher, Senior 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. Dave Foerster requested that the Treasurer's Report be removed from the Consent Agenda, as he had a question concerning it. Don DeLong moved to **"REMOVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED."** Teri Sue Freehling seconded.

2.d. TREASURER'S REPORT

Following discussion regarding the Treasurer's Report, Dave Foerster, inquired if it was prudent to keep such a large amount of money in the checking account, Office Manager Patrice Rose stated that beginning in May, Chemical Bank had increased the interest rate on the checking account to .95%, which is currently higher than the rate on the SWMPC CD. She also reported that the interest earnings for the first month, at the new rate, was a considerable amount. Dave Foerster moved to **"ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED."** Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded, the motion carried.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Marcy Hamilton gave an overview of the topics contained in the Executive Director's Report, highlighting it with an ABC 57 News story on the Harbor, featuring Executive Director John Egelhaaf. Yemi Akinwale moved to **"ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT."** Roseann Marchetti seconded the motion, which carried.

4. PROJECT FOCUS/MPO APPROVALS

Senior Planner, Kim Gallagher presented a PowerPoint, giving an overview of the Transportation Plans and Programs.

- **FY 2020 NATS Unified Work Program**
Jim Curran moved to **"APPROVE THE NATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AS PRESENTED."** Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried.
- **FY 2020 TwinCATS Unified Work Program**
Gail Patterson-Gladney moved to **"APPROVE THE NATS UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AS PRESENTED."** Yemi Akinwale seconded. A roll call vote was taken, the motion was approved.

- **Resolution 2019-2--2045 NATS Long Range Plan**
 Jim Curran pointed out an error in the Resolution, paragraph 8, “NOW THEREFORE...Twin Cities Area Transportation Study Long Range Plan”, should be NATS Long Range Plan. Jim Curran made the motion to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-2, 2045 NATS LONG RANGE PLAN, AMENDED AS STATED.**” Jim Schueneman supported. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.
- **Resolution 2019-3--FY 2020-2023 TwinCATS Transportation Improvement Program**
 Teri Sue Freehling moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-3, 2020-2023 TWINCATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AS PRESENTED.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded. A roll call vote followed and the resolution was approved.
- **Resolution 2019-4--Planning Process Self-Certification**
 Dick Stauffer made a motion to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-4 PLANNING PROCESS SELF-CERTIFICATION.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney supported. A roll call vote was taken, and the resolution was approved.
- **Resolution 2019-5--FY 2020-2023 NATS Transportation Improvement Program**
 Teri Sue Freehling moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-5, 2020-2023 NATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AS PRESENTED.**” Rich Remus seconded. A roll call vote followed and the resolution was approved.
- **Resolution 2019-6--Planning Process Self-Certification**
 Dick Stauffer made a motion to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-6 PLANNING PROCESS SELF-CERTIFICATION.**” Gail Patterson-Gladney supported. A roll call vote was taken, and the resolution was approved.
- **Resolution 2019-7--Cass County Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis**
 Rich moved to “**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-7, CASS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY COMFORMITY ANALYSIS AS PRESENTED**”, Yemi Akinwale supported. A roll call vote followed and the motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Rich Remus gave an RPI update, also stating that RPI will most likely not be funded in 2020.

Teri Sue Freehling took the opportunity to express her thanks and appreciation to the SWMPC Board and Staff for their support and continued prayers during the challenging time since the unexpected loss of her husband.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



Respectfully submitted by:

K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: August 16, 2019

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