



Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

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Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 28, 2022
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Southwest Michigan First
180 E Water St, Suite 2690
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 11:35am.
2. Representative Attendance
 - a. Representatives in attendance included:
 - i. Bomba
 - ii. Carahaly
 - iii. Drost
 - iv. Gisler (Rey)
 - v. Grieve
 - vi. Frisbie
 - vii. Pangle
 - viii. Hazelbaker
 - b. Others in attendance included:
 - i. Adams (staff)
 - ii. Stepek (KATS)
 - iii. Nagler (KATS)
 - iv. Joanna Johnson (Road Commission of Kalamazoo County)
 - v. Jonas Peterson (Southwest Michigan First)
3. Approval of the Agenda **[Action]**
 - a. Pangle made a motion to approve the agenda as written.
 - i. Frisbie seconded.
 - ii. **The motion carried.**
4. Approval of the Minutes **[Action]**
 - a. Drost made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
 - i. Hazelbaker seconded.
 - ii. **The motion carried.**
5. Public Comment
 - a. None were made.
6. Transportation
 - a. KATS report
 - i. Nagler gave a verbal explanation of the written report presented in the packet.
 - ii. Stepek and Nagler mentioned the need to update the region's MDOT work program. KATS staff is waiting on guidance from MDOT before developing a draft for the region. MDOT requests that the region have an approved work program to MDOT by mid-August. This timing will require the SMPC Board to meet in early August to review and approve a work program. Joanna Johnson offered the Road Commission of Kalamazoo as a possible host site for this meeting. The

Board appreciated and approved of this offer. The board directed staff to coordinate an in-person meeting at the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County on August 2.

- b. Transportation Safety Grant
 - i. Recent federal legislation has great a grant opportunity for local road agencies or regions to improve transportation safety. Johnson and Stepek described the grant and some of the benefits and drawbacks of a regional approach. Staff will coordinate with Stepek and Johnson to gain a better understanding of the grant requirements and how SMPC might apply for funding and discuss at the next meeting.

7. Acceptance of the Financial Report **[Action]**

- a. Review financial report
 - i. Adams gave an overview of the quarterly financial report.
 - ii. A discussion around the fund balance ensued. The board would like to see some of those funds returned to the community through service.
 - iii. Pangle made a motion to approve the financial report as presented.
 - 1) Bomba seconded.
 - 2) **Motion carried.**

8. EPA Regional Brownfield Grant

- a. Adams gave a verbal update on the work conducted between meetings.
- b. Frisbie made a motion to authorize staff to approve projects of \$7,000 or less and to authorize the SMPC Brownfield Committee to approve applications in excess of \$7,000.
 - i. Pangle seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion carried.

9. Capacity Building Grant / EDA

- a. Update on broadband work
- b. Other work

10. Local Government Assistance and Planning Activities

- a. Adams gave updates on the Land Use Planning Projects currently underway. Those include:
 - i. St. Joseph County
 - ii. Village of Constantine
 - iii. Athens Township

11. Staff Report/Other

- a. Monthly Correspondence
 - i. Presented in the packet.

12. Representative Comments

13. Adjournment **[Action]**

Next Meeting: August 2, 2022 (Kalamazoo)