



Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

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Board Meeting Agenda

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 2, 2022
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Road Commission of Kalamazoo
3801 E Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 11:37 am.
2. Attendance
 - a. Representatives
 - i. Bomba
 - ii. Carahaly
 - iii. Drost
 - iv. Frisbie
 - v. Gisler (Rey)
 - vi. Grieve
 - vii. Hazelbaker
 - viii. Kale
 - b. Others
 - i. Adams (Staff)
 - ii. Steppek (KATS)
 - iii. Nagler (KATS)
 - iv. Joanna Johnson (Road Commission of Kalamazoo County)
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Frisbie made a motion to approve the agenda.
 - b. Drost seconded the motion.
 - c. **The motion carried.**
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Hazelbaker made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - b. Bomba seconded the motion.
 - c. **The motion carried.**
5. Public Comment
 - a. Johnson welcomed the board to the Road Commission building.
6. Transportation
 - a. KATS report
 - i. Nagler and Stepek gave verbal comments on the written report supplied in the packet.
 - b. FY 2023 Work Program
 - i. Stepek and Nagler outlined the 2023 MDOT Work Program and noted any changes from 2022. The Board had a few questions and a brief discussion ensued.
 - 1) Frisbie made a motion to approve the 2023 MDOT Work Program.
 - 2) Drost seconded the motion
 - 3) **The motion carried.**
 - c. Transportation Safety Grant

- i. Adams and Stepek outlined the grant opportunity. Stepek conducted some research into the grant, and recommended that the Board not pursue a grant application. Board members asked a few questions and a discussion ensued. The Board decided to not pursue the grant at this time but monitor any changes to the grant.
7. EPA Regional Brownfield Grant
 - a. Adams noted that more interest was received by staff and new applications might materialize. The board discussed.
8. Capacity Building Grant / EDA
 - a. Adams gave an update. He specifically mentioned the EDA grant awarded to the Village of Vicksburg for improving their wastewater treatment system. The grant funds totaled \$3.7M.
9. Local Government Assistance and Planning Activities
 - a. Updates on Land Use Planning Projects
10. Staff Report/Other
 - a. Monthly Correspondence provided in the packet.
11. Representative Comments
 - a. Bomba: Looking to beef up the County EDC.
 - b. Drost: mentioned the SW MI buyer/supplier matchmaking event in the fall.
 - c. Hazelbaker: the County jail is up and running and the old one will be demolished soon.
 - d. Frisbie: public comment has become a challenge in many situations and suggests that SMPC review public comment policy.
 - e. Kale: mentioned that work on the Iron Belle trail section in Homer might not happen this year because of high bids.
 - f. Gisler: mentioned the new nonstop air service from AZO to Orlando.
12. Adjournment
 - a. Frisbie made a motion to adjourn.
 - b. Drost seconded the motion.
 - c. **The motion carried without objection.**

Next Meeting: September 6, 2022 (Virtual Work Session)