



Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

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Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 6, 2022
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
3801 E Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 11:55
2. Representative Attendance
 - a. Carahaly
 - b. Hazelbaker
 - c. Kale
 - d. Grieve
 - e. Pangle

Other Present

 - f. Adams, Staff
 - g. Petz, Staff
 - h. Nagler, KATS Staff
3. Approval of the Agenda **[Action]**
 - a. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
4. Approval of the Minutes **[Action]**
 - a. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
5. Public Comment
 - a. None made
6. Transportation
 - a. KATS staff gave a verbal report on their activities. KATS Staff also outlined the work noted in the written report.
7. Update on EDA Relationship and work
 - a. Staff gave an update on the reorganization process and recent contact with EDA. The process of starting to become a District Organization is still unclear.
 - b. Broadband
 - i. Staff gave an update on recent broadband work; it mostly centered on creating a broadband plan for Kalamazoo County.
 - c. Technical Assistance
 - i. Staff noted that it is providing a good amount of technical assistance to the Village of Vicksburg. That technical assistance includes creating an economic development vision and plan for the Village.
8. EPA Regional Brownfield Grant
 - a. Staff gave an update on the work and noted that two new applications will be presented to the Brownfield committee at their next meeting (immediately following the SMPC Board meeting. The amount of applications and work associated with this project has increased significantly in the past few months.

9. Staff Report/Other

a. Update on Planning Work

- i. Carahaly asked staff to send a planning services proposal to the board so that they have an example. Staff will follow up with an email.

b. Monthly Correspondence

10. Representative Comments

- a. Carahaly discussed the Kalamazoo County Planning Commission and the current structure of county planning commissions. Given their limited role, Kalamazoo County is considering dissolving the planning commission.

11. Adjournment **[Action]**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

Next Meeting: *March 7, 2023*