



Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

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Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 7, 2023
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 at 11:40am
2. Representative Attendance
 - a. Carahaly
 - b. Drost
 - c. Gisler
 - d. Hazelbaker
 - e. Kale
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
5. Public Comment
 - a. None made.
6. Transportation
 - a. KATS report
 - b. Review of SMPC-KATS Contract
 - i. The board discussed KATS work and their performance under the prior contract.
 - ii. Drost made a motion to approve the agreement between....
 - 1) Kale seconded the motion.
 - 2) **The motion carried.**
7. Update on EDA Relationship and work
 - a. Staff gave a written and verbal report on activities during February
8. EPA Regional Brownfield Grant
 - a. Staff gave a verbal update on the projects funded and seeking funding. The program is now on target to expend funds before the end of the grant period.
9. Staff Report/Other
 - a. Review Annual Report
 - i. Hazelbaker made a motion to approve the annual report.
 - ii. Drost seconded
 - iii. **The motion carried.**
 - b. Update on Planning Work
 - i. Staff gave a report of the planning work conducted since December.
 - c. Monthly Correspondence
 - d. Board vacancies
 - i. Staff reminded the board that a vacancy in Branch County and two in St. Joseph County remain.

10. Representative Comments

- a. Hazelbaker: Concerns around the county because of the impact of the Marshall Battery Plant.
- b. Kale: Excited about the Marshall Battery Plant. Concerned about finding the workforce.
- c. Gisler: Kalamazoo County is discussing the Road Commission appointments and the future structure of the Commission.
- d. Drost: Tracking public policy changes from the new state administration.
- e. Carahaly: County planning commission discussion

11. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23pm

Next Meeting: June 6, 2023