

Rural Task Force #3 Meeting

April 4, 2023

Kalamazoo County Road Commission

Members in Attendance:

Josh Grab	MDOT SW Region Planning
Jay Miller	Branch County Road Commission
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Kristine Parsons	Calhoun County Road Department
Jake Welch	Chair - Barry County Road Commission, Chair

Others in Attendance:

Brian Stark	MDOT – Rural Task Force Program Manager
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro
Dave Liddell	Barry County Road Commission
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC

Call to Order

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The meeting was held at the offices of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County.

Approval of the April 4,2023 Meeting Agenda

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Myland, ***“to approve the agenda as presented.”*** Motion approved unanimously.

Election of Officers

Welch stated that he was willing to stay on as Chair if no one wanted to volunteer. Minkus stated that he thought four years was a long time to have the responsibility. He said traditionally the vice chair has taken over the chair position after two years. Vice Chair Parsons indicated she would be willing to serve as chair. Myland volunteered to serve as Vice Chair.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Welch, ***“to elect Kristine Parsons and Chair and Garrett Myland as Vice Chair for Rural Task Force #3 for 2023 and 2024.”*** Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Parsons assumed the duty of running the meeting upon approval of the motion.

Approval of November 7, 2022 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Parsons **“to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 Rural Task Force #3 meeting.”** Motion approved unanimously.

Rural Task Force Program Updates/Questions

Stark introduced himself as the new Rural Task Force Program Manager for MDOT. He updated the statuses of and answered questions about the TEDF Grant Program, STBG target allocations, bid savings and Local Federal Fund Exchange program.

Review of 2023 – 2026 Projects

Branch County

Miller said that the City of Bronson has decided that it cannot use the federal and state funding programmed for their chip seal project effectively. They would like to delete the project and free the funding for use by the Branch County Road Commission. Nagler said that he received an email from City Manager Brandon Mersman confirming their decision.

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Parsons, **“to delete the City of Bronson’s 2023 Chip Seal project, Job Number 207001, reallocate the \$24,000 in STBG funding to the Branch County Road Commission’s 2023 Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job and approve changes to the local participation amount as needed.”** Motion approved unanimously.

Barry and Calhoun Counties

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Minkus, **“to:**

- **reduce the STBG funding to Barry County’s 2025 Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 216334, by \$291,000 and add the funds to Calhoun County’s 2025 28 Mile Road project, Job Number 216392**
- **transfer \$209,000 in unused 2025 available EDD funding from Barry County to Calhoun County to be added to Calhoun County’s 2025 job number 216392**
- **to reduce the STBG funding for Calhoun County’s 2026 U Drive project, Job Number 216379 by \$500,000 and add the funding to Barry County’s Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 216335**
- **to add \$284,000 in STBG funding and \$403,000 in local match to Barry County’s Job Number 216335.”**

Motion approved unanimously.

St. Joseph County

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Minkus, **“to change the project location of St. Joseph County’s 2024 N. Angling project, Job Number 216317, to Angling Road from Major Road to Butler, and Butler Road from N. Angling to Nottawa, and to increase local funding to \$601,600 for a total project cost of \$1,437,600.”** Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Parsons, **“to add \$157,000 in STBG and \$70,290 in local funding to St. Joseph County’s 2025 Preventive Maintenance project, Job Number 216324, for a total project cost of \$551,450.”** Motion approved unanimously.

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MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Welch, **“to add \$161,00 in STBG funding and \$54,580 in EDD funding to St. Joseph County’s 2026 Lutz Road project, Job Number 216327, and to reduce local match to the minimum required.”** Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered

Other Business

Welch said that Barry County Road Commission will have 2024 STBG funding left over after their LFFE trade with Oakland County that he would be interested in trading for 2026 STBG if any RTF #3 agencies are interested.

It was decided that a meeting should be scheduled for mid-August in case there will be available funding from a potential redistribution. Nagler will send out a Doodle poll to try and find dates that will work for all members.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38.

Minutes approved: December 11, 2023

Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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