



Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

MACC POLICY BOARD

April 25, 2022

12:00 pm

Port Sheldon Township Hall

16201 Port Sheldon Street, West Olive, MI 49460

Face Masks Optional

MINUTES

Policy Board

- Howard Baumann, Jr.
- Joseph Baumann
- Nathan Bocks
- ✦ Thomas Bird
- ✦ Amanda Cooper
- Ken DeWeerd
- Linda Howell
- Jim Gerard
- John Kleinheksel
- ✦ Kevin Klynstra
- Jeff Franklin
- ✦ Terry Nienhuis
- ✦ Tom Oonk
- ✦ Pankaj Rajadhyaksha
- ✦ Jim Storey
- Russ Te Slaa
- Todd Wolters

- ✦ Executive Committee

BOARD PRESENT: Howard Baumann, Jr., Joe Baumann, Nathan Bocks, Amanda Cooper, Ken DeWeerd, Jeff Franklin, Jim Gerard, Elisa Hoekwater, Linda Howell, John Kleinheksel, Kevin Klynstra, Terry Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Jim Storey

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Camenga (Videographer), Kelly Goward (ODC), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Mike Sabatino (PS Twp), Judy Visscher (MACC)

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****It was moved by Mr. Klynstra, supported by Mr. Joe Baumann to approve the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

III. THANK YOU FOR SERVICE – Mr. Nienhuis presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Howard Baumann, Jr. for his 19 years of service on the MACC Policy Board. Mr. Baumann thanked all the board members, and introduced Mr. Mike Sabatino, who will be serving as interim Port Sheldon Supervisor starting May 1, 2022, until elections in November 2022.

IV. PROJECT CLARITY UPDATE

A. Watershed Resiliency Plan - Ms. Goward shared information about a “Watershed Resilience Plan” that is being developed through a Michigan Coastal Management Program grant awarded to the MACC earlier this year. This plan will focus more on water quantity rather than water quality, and what steps can be taken to mitigate critical areas of concern. Ms. Goward conducted a live, on-line survey of the board members to identify and rank these critical areas of concern. Outreach activities like this survey help to inform plan content and guide where to focus implementation efforts.

V. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FY2023 Draft Unified Work Program – Mr. Miller shared that the pre-UWP meeting occurred – not a lot of changes. Mr. Latham added information on the 2.5% set-aside that is required to be tracked separately. The set-aside will be it’s own line item or it will be housed in the Long Range Transportation Planning section of the UWP. He noted that public comment on projects can be hard to

obtain but will continue outreach efforts. Mr. Miller shared that the UWP draft will go through the Technical Advisory Committee and public comment, and the final version will be presented at the June Policy meeting for approval.

B. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Franklin deferred to Tyler Kent on projects, but will be happy to pass along any questions/comments members may have.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Proposed FY23 Draft Budget - Mr. Latham shared information on the proposed budget. We are getting an increase in the Consolidated Planning Grant. CMAQ funding went down slightly, but will not be a problem. Watershed, Storm Water and CEP funding will stay the same. Not a lot of change, except for new staff on board for the MACC.

B. Financial Report – no comments

C. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham is feeling confident that the UWP is on track, supported by Mr. Jeff Franklin. MDOT will respond back with comments in May (TAC) and June (Policy).

MACC staff is involved in hiring another transportation position, focusing on GIS skills. We received several applications, and are interviewing six applicants this week. We checked MDOT scales to determine pay range, depending on level of experience.

The Draft TIP is in process. An Open House for public comment will be held at the MACC Offices on May 18, times to be determined. We are following the current MACC Public Participation Plan.

VI. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

A. Host sharing about their community - Mr. Howard Baumann, Jr. shared that a couple of primary roads were improved last year. Consumers Energy will close the power plant in 2025, pending a final decision by the Michigan Public Service Commission, due June 2022. A future use study has been contracted by Consumers to begin in June 2022, due in October 2022. Port Sheldon Township will be working with Consumers on that plan, and will subsequently revise the township's Master Plan, but specifically for that area only. On a good note: a new fire truck should arrive this week!

B. Member questions or comments

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Visscher shared that fireworks will be held on the 4th of July this year, and to please share on member community boards.

*****It was moved by Mr. Howard Baumann, Jr., supported by Mr. Oonk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: June 6, 12:00 pm | Holland City Hall

*** Action Item