

MACC POLICY BOARD

November 28, 2022

12:00 pm

Laketown Township Hall

4338 Beeline Road, Holland, MI 49423

Policy Board

- 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
- Mike Sabatino
- ✦ Jim Storey
- Russ Te Slaa
- Todd Wolters

- ✦ Executive Committee

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Joe Baumann, Steve Bulthuis, Amanda Cooper, Ken Deweerdt, Jeff Franklin, Linda Howell, Skip Keeter, Kevin Klynstra, Tom Oonk, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha, Mike Sabatino, Jim Storey, Luke Walters, Todd Wolters

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Camenga (Videographer), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Kelly Goward (ODC Network), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Jason Sundell (MDOT), Kurt Van Koeving (OCRC), Judy Visscher (MACC)

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****It was moved by Mr. Klynstra, supported by Mr. DeWeerd to approve the October 24, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

III. PROJECT CLARITY UPDATE – Ms. Goward presented an update on Project Clarity activities, the annual report on the phosphorus TMDL progress for Lake Macatawa, and the status of current Watershed grants. Phosphorus levels in Lake Macatawa measured by GVSU-AWRI in 2021 were the lowest since reporting began, and lake “clarity” was actually meeting goal. Current grants are wrapping up this year. The Watershed Management Plan will be revised in 2023, and will affect what new grants will be applied for. Pictures of recent rain garden installations/native plantings/coastline trash pickups were shown and discussed. Community input for the MCMP Resilience Plan was shared and will help craft the new revised Watershed Management Plan. A “student showcase” will be held Monday, December 5 at Hope College; flyers were distributed.

IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments – Mr. Miller presented details on the FY2023-2026 TIP amendments. All were presented and voted on at the recent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Mr. Wolters noted an error: line 4 project on the spreadsheet, should be “US 31” not “US 131”.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Ms. Howell to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments as presented, except for the correction of line 4 project as noted. Motion carried.**

B. FY 2023 Allocation Carryover Funding – Mr. Miller shared details on the extra approx. \$1M the MACC received. MDOT’s Jeff Franklin explained how and why the money became available. These funds must be allocated in FY2023; the TAC divvied up the funds to various area projects.

*****It was moved by Mr. Storey, supported by Mr. Sabatino to approve the allocation of the carryover funds as presented Motion carried.**

C. Public Participation Plan – Mr. Miller shared that the 2018 Public Participation Plan has been updated by MACC staff, and is seeking to move it into its Public Comment period along with DRAFT approval. The official Public Hearing is scheduled to occur at the next Policy meeting (1/9/23). MACC staff will reach out personally to various stakeholders during the month of December to get their comments. Mr. Dykstra received credit for updating the relevant public stakeholder contact list from 40 to 90 contacts. The DRAFT is on the MACC website and is open for comments.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bulthuis, supported by Ms. Cooper to approve the 2023 Pubic Participation Plan DRAFT and move it into its official Public Comment Period. Motion carried.**

D. TAC Chair Roles – Mr. Miller that Al Meshkin of Laketown Township is now Chair, and Kevin Plockmeyer of city of Zeeland is now Vice Chair.

E. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Mr. Kent shared that our region’s Trunkline Preservation Improvement Projects document is available on the MDOT website, with hard copies available closer to the end of December. The US 31 project has wrapped up, and the I-196 project first phase is complete, with the second phase to start next year.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Financial Report - Mr. Latham shared that the auditors were on site last week. The report will be shared when available next year. October’s financials look good.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham noted that the MACC received Cyber Security insurance, which initially was not going to be available. MACC liability was increased from \$1M to \$2M.

VI. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

A. Host sharing about their community – Ms. Howell shared that Laketown Township closed on the purchase of additional land at Wolters Woods, will enhance that township park. A raffle to win two tickets for a tour to the top of one of the Mackinac Bridge towers will be held at the Felt Mansion on December 17, 2022. Raffle tickets must be purchased in person before the drawing. More details are available on the Felt Mansion website. Proceeds from the raffle benefit Felt Mansion. A non-motorized trail from the Shangri-la mobile home park to the MDOT Park and Ride lot will be constructed in the future, partly with MACC funds

discussed above.

B. Member questions or comments - Mr. Bird acknowledged that Mr. Rajadhyaksha is present, and welcomed Mr. Kurt Van Koevering to the meeting. Mr. Van Koevering will be the Ottawa County Road Commission representative on the MACC Board beginning in January 2023.

A quick roundtable of the members present was held, noting events and projects in their respective areas, and thank you's to departing members Joe Baumann and Todd Wolters.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Bird acknowledged Mr. Rajadhyaksha's volunteer service "steering the MACC ship" through two years of rapid staff turnover. Much appreciated!

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks, supported by Mr. Keeter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: January 9, Holland Township