

MACC Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

MACC POLICY BOARD

November 27, 2023, 12:00 pm

Laketown Township Hall

4338 Beeline Road, Holland, MI 49423

Policy Board

- Thomas Bird
- Nathan Bocks
- Jacob Bonnema
- Heather Bowden
- Amanda Cooper
- Ken DeWeerd
- Jim Gerard
- Linda Howell
- John Kleinhessel
- Kevin Klynstra
- Al Nienhuis
- Terry Nienhuis
- Tom Oonk
- Pankaj Rajadhyaksha
- Mike Sabatino
- Jim Storey
- Russ Te Slaa
- Kurt Van Koevering

- Executive Committee

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Heather Bowden, Amanda Cooper, Ken De Weerd, Jim Gerard, Linda Howell, Kevin Klynstra, Tom Oonk, Mike Sabatino, Kurt Van Koevering

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Camenga (videographer), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC)

I. ROLL CALL (for quorum)

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****It was moved by Mr. Klynstra and seconded by Mr. Oonk to approve the October 23, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Before the transportation items began, Mr. Miller shared that the 2023 Environmental Research Showcase will be held this year on December 7, 10am – 12pm at the Hope College Maas Conference Center. Cards with details were provided by Ms. Kelly Goward of ODC Network.

- A. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant – Update - Mr. Latham presented details on how the grant process works, a timeline for the MACC to develop and complete a Safety Action Plan, and then on to a Request for Proposal. Proposed projects must be in the MACC planning area.
- B. I-196 BL Ped. Study Open House – Update – Mr. Miller shared the results of the Open House: 35 people attended, and big display boards were used for easy identification of the areas to be improved. Attendees were very engaged.
- C. LRTP Chapters (Memo Attached) – Mr. Miller shared the details of the Chapters 10, 11 and 12 drafts. Mr. Bird recommended that members make the final document available to constituents so they can understand how long term planning works.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the LRTP Chapters 10, 11 and 12 as drafted. Motion carried.**

- D. State Safety Targets for Calendar Year 2024 (Memo Attached) – Mr. Miller explained why and how the targets are arrived at. He explained that the “targets” are actually more like “projections”. He recommended adopting the state targets, as developing our own would be very involved and burdensome for a small MPO such as ours

*****It was moved by Mr. Van Koevering and seconded by Mr. Bocks to approve the state safety targets for calendar year 2024. Motion carried.**

- E. MDOT/FHWA Comments – Ms. Bowden shared that allocations for MTPA financial group were discussed and approved. The new numbers will be sent out soon. Greenhouse gas emission targets are being discussed. They will be similar to the safety targets, where we can adopt the state targets, or come up with our own.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared that the audit has been completed. It went well. The report should be available sometime in January.
- B. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham shared that developing a strategic plan was the main focus of the meeting.
- C. Resolution to close LMCU bank account - Mr.Latham explained that earnings at our LMCU money market are very low compared with earning potential in MI class. Mr. Bird was able to take out the full amount in the money market, but \$5.00 remains. We cannot close the account without a resolution approved by the Policy Board.

*****It was moved by Mr. Bocks and seconded by Mr. Sabatino to approve the closure of the MACC’s LMCU bank account with the resolution as presented. Motion carried.**

VI. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

- A. Member questions or comments – members shared highlights of activities in their respective areas. Mr. Oonk shared that due to building renovations, the January Policy meeting may be held in their Public Safety Building next door to their township hall.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT

*****It was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Oonk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: January 22, 2024, at Zeeland Charter Township