



Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

A Cooperative Effort Among Units of Government

MACC POLICY BOARD

August 22, 2022

12:00 pm

Fillmore Township Hall

4219 52nd Street, Holland, MI 49423

MINUTES

BOARD PRESENT: Tom Bird, Joe Baumann, Nathan Bocks, Ken Deweerdt, Jim Gerard, Kevin Klynstra, Terry Nienhuis, Tom Oonk, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha, Mike Sabatino, Jim Storey, Russ TeSlaa

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Camenga (Videographer), Eric Dykstra (MACC), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Jason Latham (MACC), Alec Miller (MACC), Judy Visscher (MACC), Luke Walters (MDOT)

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Klynstra to approve the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.**

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

III. CEP UPDATE – Mr. Latham shared a summary of the last Community Enhancement Program Board meeting: two applications were reviewed; Park Township for a camera system at Holland State Park and Boys and Girls Club for support of their Migrant Summer Club program. Park Township's request was discussed, and tabled until the next CEP meeting, when Howard Fink can provide more details. The Boys and Girls Club request for \$10,000 was discussed and approved. He encouraged all MACC members to get the word out that grant money is available for projects/programs.

Ms. Visscher gave a summary of the Holland Symphony Mariachi concert that the CEP co-sponsored on August 13, 2022. Very successful for the second year in a row, even with a change in venue due to rain. Mr. Latham requested that the YouTube link to the concert be sent out to MACC members via email.

IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. 2022 PASER Ratings Update – Mr. Dykstra gave details on what PASER is, how it is done, and this year's results overall, and for the individual member areas. The presentation slides had a glitch; Mr. Dykstra will send each MACC member the slide data pertaining to their specific area. This data will be sent to the FHWA and MDOT for their evaluation for future road projects. Mr. Wolters inquired about renting the PASER vehicle for MACC members to rate roads in their area that are not on the official PASER list. Mr. Latham will help make arrangements for whoever is interested in doing this. This data will be put on the MACC website.

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

B. MDOT/FHWA Comments - Mr. Kent gave an update on the US-31 project, which is still on schedule.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A. Financial Report – Mr. Latham shared that we are on track budget-wise. He shared that working with GVMC on the PASER work helps financially and logistically. If there are any budget items members would like to see, or like to see differently, let Mr. Latham know. Two firms responded to our RFP for performing traffic counts; DLZ was chosen for the work at \$12,500, which is within budget.

B. MACC Executive Committee Report – Mr. Latham shared highlights of the last meeting: the pedestrian crossing study RFP was posted last Friday, Green Commute is going well, with results available for next board meeting, Cost of Living adjustment is due this month (Mr. Latham is putting together a “wage scale” for the MACC employees), and a summary of the successful MTPA conference this past July. He also announced Mr. Walters was awarded for his work with MPO’s (especially the MACC!) at the conference.

VI. MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

A. Host sharing about their community – Mr. DeWeerdts welcomed the MAAC back to Fillmore Township after a 3-year absence! He gave a background on the township, which is 80% zoned agricultural, with 3743 acres set aside for “farmland preservation”, with limited new housing being built. Corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay are the main crops. Livestock includes hogs, turkeys, poultry, and some dairy and beef. Improvements are planned for 12 miles of township roadways, using well-supported millages. One full-time police officer is shared with Overisel Township, also well-supported by millages. Two parks are also in the township, one of which connects to ODC Network properties. M40 is the main traffic corridor, which has presented many challenges this year. He generously brought cartons of Grade A, cage free, brown eggs, fresh from the farm for all to take home today!

B. Member questions or comments – Mr. Wolters brought up that solar companies are pressuring Olive Township for installations – asked members to be alert and share any experiences, and how they are dealing with the issue.

VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT ***

NOTE: MACC Holding annual meeting will immediately follow the September Policy meeting

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

Next Meeting: September 26, Park Township