



# Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

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## **MACC POLICY BOARD**

November 23, 2020

12:00 pm

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## **AGENDA**

- I. INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES\*\*\***  
(minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting are enclosed)
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM**
  - A. TMDL Annual Report (memo enclosed)
  - B. Watershed Annual Meeting and Report
- IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**
  - A. MDOT Comments
- V. PRESENTATION -**  
2021 Grand Rapids Community College Millage – Model Communities (Jennifer Owens, Peter Haines and Travis Williams)
- VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**
  - A. Financial Report (report enclosed)
  - B. MACC Executive Committee Report (minutes enclosed)
  - C. MACC Annual Report
- VII. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**
  - A. Host sharing about their community
    1. Port Sheldon Township
    2. Laketown Township
  - B. Member questions or comments
- VIII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT**  
Next Meeting: January 4, 2021 | 12:00 pm | TBD

\*\*\*Action Item



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October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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## MINUTES

**BOARD PRESENT:** Howard Baumann, Joe Baumann, Tom Bird, Nathan Bocks, Linda Howell, Jerry Hunsburger, John Kleinheksel, Kevin Klynstra, Don Mayle, Hannes Meyers Jr., Terry Nienhuis, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha, Jim Storey, Russ TeSlaa, Todd Wolters

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Camenga (Videographer), Mara Gericke (MACC), Kelly Goward (MACC), Tyler Kent (Executive Director - MACC), Tyler Kent (MDOT), Carolyn Ulstad (MACC), Rob Vink (MACC), Judy Visscher (MACC)

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – roll call was conducted by Judy Visscher

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Nienhuis, supported by Mr. Hunsburger to approve the September 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

### III. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM**

**A. Agricultural Update** – Mr. Vink provided an overview of work that's been completed through the MACC's various grants to support agricultural best management practices. Farmers implemented 836 acres of no-till funded by an ODC Network 319 grant and have also committed to implementing 1,190 acres of cover crops under a MACC Great Lakes Commission grant. A farmer in Zeeland Township constructed a 2-stage channel and cattle crossing this summer with funding from a MACC Great Lakes Commission grant and Project Clarity. A second two-stage channel is being constructed under the same grant by the Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner in the City of Zeeland on the Brower Drain. A streambank stabilization project was also completed in September in Holland Township under another Great Lakes Commission Grant. The two grants supporting 2-stage channels and streambank restoration will be completed this year, but the third grant supporting cover crops will continue for 2 more years.

**B. GLRI Stormwater Grant Progress Report** – Ms. Goward provided an update on a grant received from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in April to support installation of green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) in the watershed. One major component is installing GSI retrofits at Holland City Hall and Kollen Park. Through a competitive bid process, the MACC hired the team of Drummond Carpenter and Fishbeck to complete designs for these projects. Final designs were delivered in August and we are waiting on a quote from the design team to provide further assistance with bidding and construction management. A second component of

the grant is installing curb-cut rain gardens with City of Holland road reconstruction projects. Four were installed on 19<sup>th</sup> St that resulted in managing 167,000 gallons of stormwater. Another five are under construction on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets and we are starting to reach out to homeowners on 10<sup>th</sup> St and College Avenue for projects next year. The third component of this grant is developing a volunteer rainscaping program. Program development has been delayed due to COVID, but the MACC is working with partners to plan the program this winter and officially launch in the spring. However, MACC staff already completed rainscaping site assessments for 7 homeowners, 2 of which have already installed rain gardens on their property.

**C. Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Grant Application\*\*\*** - Ms. Goward reported that the MACC recently submitted a grant application to the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership 2021 Lake Conservation Grant program. The MACC has not applied for this funding previously. We requested funding to conduct a geomorphic assessment of streams in the watershed, which is a critical component of updating the Macatawa Watershed Management plan. The assessment will help identify and prioritize areas for future restoration projects. We requested \$60,000 in grant funds and pledged \$63,040 in matching funds from the MACC, ODC Network and Fishbeck. Notifications will be made in summer 2021 with projects potentially starting as early as August.

**\*\*\* It was moved by Mr. Bird, supported by Mr. Storey to designate Tyler Kent, MACC Executive Director, as the MACC's authorized representation to negotiate and sign the grant contract should it be awarded. Motion carried.**

#### **IV. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

**A. FY20-23 TIP Amendment\*\*\*** - Ms. Ulstad reviewed the amendments proposed for the TIP. Job number 211144 (MDOT Pavement Marking Application) had new phases added for engineering and construction. Job number 204668 (MDOT signing replacements) had two cost adjustments.

**\*\*\*It was moved by Mr. Hunsburger, supported by Mr. Meyers to approve the amendments as presented. Motion carried.**

**B. Transportation Updates** – Ms. Ulstad gave information regarding the MACC's annual Green Commute Week which was rescheduled to October due to COVID-19 and informed the committee that the MACC was selected to take part in MDOT's Non-motorized Count pilot program which will likely take place between June and August.

**C. MDOT/FHWA Comments** – MDOT's Tyler Kent and Don Mayle gave updates regarding Michigan's bonding program and budget adjustments for fiscal year 2021.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**A. Financial Report** – There were no comments

**B. MACC Executive Committee Report** – There were no comments

**C. Strategic Planning Session Report** – There were no comments

#### **VI. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**A. Host sharing about their community**

- i. **Park Township** – Mr. Hunsburger shared that their offices had been closed temporarily due to COVID 19, more than 8,000 absentee ballots requests had been received for the November election, the airport is “gone” and the next hurdle is to determine future use of the property. Public transport continues to be discussed, and a \$600 grant has allowed the township to install a small boat launch on the south side of Lake Macatawa.
- ii. **Olive Township** – Mr. Wolters shared that Olive Township is pretty quiet, with road projects being the main activity

**B. Member questions or comments - none**

**VII. OTHER ISSUES AND ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kent shared that the November meeting will feature representatives from Model Communities & Lakeshore Advantage, talking about the Grand Rapids Community College remodel of Westshore Mall, and a presentation by Ms. Ulstad on mass transportation.

Next Meeting: November 23, 2020 | 12:00 pm | virtual via Zoom

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



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## Memo

To: Policy Committee Members  
From: Kelly Goward  
Date: November 11, 2020  
Re: FY2020 TMDL Annual Report

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The MACC is responsible for overseeing the reduction of phosphorus loading into Lake Macatawa. Reduction goals are outlined in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) that was completed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in 1999. In 2000, the MACC, along with its members, signed a voluntary agreement to reduce phosphorus loading to the lake. The agreement was re-signed in 2010. One requirement of the agreement is to submit an annual report to the MDEQ, now EGLE, which summarizes the progress made toward meeting the phosphorus goals. The FY2020 report was submitted to EGLE on November 2, 2020.

The report includes a summary of efforts made to reduce nonpoint sources of phosphorus in the watershed and information about the three major point sources of phosphorus. The MACC estimated about 3,773 pounds of phosphorus reduction in FY2020 from various best management practices installed under MACC grants and Project Clarity. From 2012-2020 the cumulative estimated phosphorus reduction is over 32,500 pounds per year. The interim goals established by the TMDL were to reduce phosphorus loading by 83,500 pounds per year and to achieve an in-lake phosphorus concentration of 50 parts per billion (ppb). The most recent published data from Lake Macatawa (GVSU-AWRI, Lake Macatawa Water Quality Dashboard, 2019) showed an in-lake concentration of about 87 ppb, which is slightly more than in 2018. Point source phosphorus discharges continue to operate below the limit established in the TMDL.

A full copy of the FY2020 TMDL report is available on the Watershed Project page of the MACC's website ([the-macc.org/watershedproject](http://the-macc.org/watershedproject)). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions: [kgoward@the-macc.org](mailto:kgoward@the-macc.org)



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## MACC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**8:30 a.m.**

In Person and via Zoom Video Conference

### SUMMARY

Present: Terry Neinhuis, Hannes Meyers, Kevin Klynstra, Pankaj Rajadhyaksha, Jim Storey, and Tyler Kent

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1. Modal Communities – Jennifer Owens (Lakeshore Advantage), Peter Haines (Ottawa Area Intermediate School District) and Travis Williams (ODC Network/Model Communities) will present to the Policy Board a presentation on the Grand Rapids Community College 2021 Millage. The Model Communities team will explain the process of the millage, Model Communities role of supporting the millage and answer question of the Policy Board. MAX Transit will also seek a millage in 2021 for operational costs. Representatives of Model Communities and MAX Transit spoke recently about the millage process and discussed the importance of public transportation serving the GRCC Campus. Conversation between Model Communities and MAX Transit will continue.
2. MACC Staffing – Carolyn has informed the MACC family that she will be leaving the organization at the end of November. We want to thank Carolyn for her leadership and expertise. Carolyn will be greatly missed! Mara Gericke and Tyler will manage the Transportation Planning responsibilities until the position is filled. Rob Vink, provided the MACC with a letter of resignation. Rob will remain in the Holland/Zeeland area working for Nutrien AG Solutions. The MACC appreciates Rob's time and dedication working for the MACC and implemented best practices within the Macatawa watershed. The MACC will look at creative ideas for the Project Management position.
3. MACC Watershed/ODC – Tyler shared that he meet with Travis Williams and David Nyitray (ODC Network) to discuss the ODC Network – Macatawa Watershed Project Consolidation Proposal, the open MACC Project Management position, update of the Macatawa Watershed Master Plan and the MACC Non-Motorized Plan. Tyler explained that the MACC is open to the proposal from the ODC, but that the MACC organization is not ready to make any decisions. There are items that need to be addressed prior to making any decisions including but not limited to; update of the

Macatawa Watershed Master Plan and the MACC Non-Motorized Plan, balancing of the watershed budget and cultivate support of the watershed budget and best practices within the MACC Membership. Options need to be weighed, including what future initiatives manage by the MACC moving forward, should the ODC Network manage the Watershed. Travis, David and Tyler agreed to continue to keep all lines of communication open. ODC and the MACC will continue to foster the partnerships.

4. MACC Building Improvements – Tyler reported that the roof on the office and shed have been replaced. Tyler felt that the proposal for siding repair and painting of the building was high. Tyler will seek new proposals in early 2021.

Next Meeting: December 14<sup>th</sup>– 8:30 a.m.