

Region 2 Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Region 2 Planning Commission - Full Commission

**** ZOOM MEETING ****

Thursday, March 11, 2021

I. **Call to Order** – Chair Terry called the meeting to order at 2:01p.m. A quorum was present.

Attendance:

Acker	Driskill (E)	Jenkins	Sigers (E)
Adams	✓ Duckham (E)	✓ Jennings	Snow
✓ Bair (E)	✓ Elwell (E)	Karnaz	Southworth
Baker	Frazier	Kastel	Spencer
Bales	✓ Gaede (E)	Keller	Sutherland
Barnhart	Gallagher, D.	Koehn	Swartzlander (E)
Beach	Gallagher, F.	Kubish (E)	Teriaco
Beckner	Gentner	Lammers	✓ Terry (E)
✓ Beeker (E)	✓ Goetz	Lance	Tillotson (E)
Blythe	Gould, J.	Linnabary	Todd
Boggs	✓ Gould, L. (E)	Navarro	Votzke
Bolton	✓ Grabert (E)	Nickel	Wagner
Bush	✓ Greene (E)	O'Dowd	Wardius
✓ Camacho	Greenleaf	✓ Overton (E)	Webb
Chamberlain	✓ Griffin	✓ Pixley	Wiley
Collins	✓ Guetschow (E)	✓ Poleski	Williams
Cornish	Hartsel	Richardson	Wilson
Cousino	Hawkins	Ries	Winter
Cure	✓ Hawley	Root	✓ Witt (E)
David	Heath	✓ Schlecte	✓ Wittenbach (E)
DeBoe	✓ Herlein	Sessions	
Dillon	Horwath	Shaw	
✓ Drake (E)	✓ Jancek (E)	✓ Shotwell	

Key: ✓ = present (E) = Executive Committee member

Staff Present: Grant Bauman, Tanya DeOliveira, Steve Duke, Jacob Hurt, Jill Liogghio

Others Present: Mike Davis, MDOT; Joanne Havican, Village of Parma; Angie Kline, JCDOT; Dustin Krasny, Rep. Tim Walberg's Office; Alex Masten, The Enterprise Group; Bret Taylor, JCDOT; Kelby Wallace, MDOT

- II. **Approval of the March 11, 2021 Agenda** – The motion was made by Comm. Schlecte, supported by Comm. Shotwell, to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment** – Chair Terry requested public comment. No comments were received.
- IV. **Approval of the Full Commission Minutes for February 11, 2021** – The motion was made by Comm. Shotwell, supported by Comm. Camacho, to approve the February 11, 2021 Full Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Receipt of Treasurer’s Report of February 28, 2021** – A motion was made by Comm. Drake, and supported by Comm. Bair, to receive the February 28, 2021 Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Approval of March 11, 2021 Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Schlecte, supported by Comm. Grabert, to approve payment of the March 11, 2021 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Staff Progress Report for February, 2021** – Mr. Duke reported the staff report was included in the agenda packet for Commissioner review. No comments were received.
- VIII. **Election of 2021 Personnel & Finance Committee** – Mr. Duke explained that per the R2PC Bylaws, the Board annually appoints the representatives to the Personnel & Finance Committee at the March Full Commission meeting. The current members of the Committee include Com. Tillotson, Bair, Gaede, Jancek, Treasurer Beeker, and Chair Terry.

The motion was made by Comm. Schlecte, supported by Comm. Camacho, to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote to reappoint the current Personnel & Finance Committee for 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- IX. **I-94 Jackson Corridor Update** – Mr. Kelby Wallace, MDOT-Jackson TSC Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing recently completed projects on I-94 (Cooper Road Interchange and Grand River bridge replacement) as part of the modernization of the corridor. The projects scheduled to begin in 2021 include the reconstruction of the West Avenue interchange, replacement of the Lansing Avenue bridge over I-94, and the reconstruction of the Elm Road interchange.
- X. **Sign Regulation Mandates** – Mr. Bauman reviewed recent court rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court and the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals regarding sign regulations.
- XI. **Other Business** – Mr. Duke asked new Commissioners to contact him or Jill if they wish to receive a New Commissioner orientation binder.

No other business was brought before the Commission.
- XII. **Public / Commissioners’ Comments** – Comm. Jancek reported that MDOT, in partnership with the MDNR, received a Conditional Commitment for a TAP application funding the 3rd phase of the Lakelands Trail constructing a 3.5 mile share-use path from the intersection of Parnall/Cooper Street to the existing Hawkins Road Trailhead.

No additional public or Commissioner comments were received.
- XIII. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Chair Terry adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.

Chris Wittenbach
Secretary