

Region 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Region 2 Planning Commission – Executive Committee
Hillsdale City Hall
97 N. Broad Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Thursday, February 8, 2024

I. **Call to Order** – Chair Dale Witt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Attendance:

✓ Beeker	Greene	✓ Penrose	Swartzlander
Bussell	Havican	Shotwell	✓ Tillotson
✓ Cure	✓ Jancek	✓ Sigers	✓ VanDoren
Duckham	✓ Kuiper	✓ Snell	✓ Walz
✓ Gould	✓ Overton	✓ Southworth	✓ Witt

Key: ✓ = present

Staff Present: Brett Gatz, Jacob Hurt, Jill Liogghio, Alissa Starling

Other Commissioners Present: Bruce Grabert, Jackson County; James Minnick, Jr., Jackson County; Crystal Pfeifer, Jackson County; Edward Planeta, Jackson County

Others Present: Susan Smith, Hillsdale Economic Development

II. **Approval of the February 8, 2024 Agenda** – The motion was made by Comm. Tillotson, supported by Comm. Penrose, to approve the February 8, 2024 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. **Public Comment** – No public comment.

IV. **Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2023** – The motion was made by Comm. Snell, supported by Comm. Walz, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of December 6, 2023 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- V. **Receipt of Treasurer’s Report of January 31, 2024** – A motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Snell, to receive the January 31, 2024 Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Approval of February 8, 2024 Submitted Bills** – A motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Beeker, to approve payment of the February 8, 2024 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Resolution to Support MDOT Targets for Safety Performance** – Mr. Gatz presented a resolution to support MDOT’s Safety Performance Targets for Calendar Year 2024 for approval. Motion was made by Comm. Penrose, supported by Comm. Jancek, to approve the resolution to support MDOT Targets for Safety Performance. The motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Hillsdale Economic Development Partnership Update Presentation by Susan Smith, Executive Director of Hillsdale EDP** – A copy of Ms. Smith’s presentation will be placed on the R2PC website.
- XIV. **Other Business** – Notice of Public Hearing for Cambridge Township regarding their Master Plan.
- X. **Public Comment / Commissioners’ Comments** – Comm. VanDoren mentioned that the ballot initiative for restoration of local control is underway to repeal the recently enacted renewable energy law that takes effect in November 2024. Comm. Penrose stated that Jeff Gray, City Manager for City of Jonesville, was pleased with the outcome of a recent meeting between Mr. Gray and Jacob Hurt. Comm. Jancek mentioned that the JCDOT safety grant was successful and approved for signaling at Parnall Road.
- XI. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Chair Witt adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Dale Witt
Chair