



Regional Planning, Research & Advisory Services

MINUTES

REGION 2 RURAL TASK FORCE

WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging
107 Chicago St. – Community Room
Brooklyn, MI 49230

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Members Present:

Hillsdale County

Heather Boyd, HCRC
Nicole Benson, City of Litchfield

Jackson County

Angela Kline, JCDOT (Vice-Chair)
Matt Swartzlander, Village of Brooklyn

Lenawee County

Scott Merillat, LCRC (Chair)
Kate Daisher, LPTA
Danielle Gross, Village of Blissfield

Others Present:

Brian Stark, MDOT – RTF Program Manager
Charlie Briner, JCDOT
Jim Cole, JCDOT
Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission
Bob Griffis, HCRC
Noah Schoenberger, LCRC

ITEM 1 **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Merillat called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Introductions were done by the committee.

ITEM 2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 3 **APPROVAL OF May 15, 2024 FULL REGION 2 RURAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Kline, supported by Ms. Daisher, to approve the Full Region 2 Rural Task Force meeting minutes of May 15, 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 **RURAL TASK FORCE UPDATE FROM MDOT**

An update about the statewide Rural Task Force Program was given by Mr. Stark.

ITEM 5 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FY 2025-2029 RURAL-STP AND TEDF-D PROJECTS**

Each county reviewed their list of FY 2025-2029 projects that were approved at the county RTF meetings. A motion was made by Ms. Kline, supported by Mr. Swartzlander, to approve the proposed projects as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 **CHANGES TO ALL-SEASON ROAD NETWORK**

Jackson County was the only county with all-season road network changes, which were approved at their county RTF meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Kline, supported by Ms. Daisher, to approve the changes to the all-season road network as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gatz asked for feedback on holding the meeting in Brooklyn going forward as opposed to rotating between the three county road commission offices. The committee was content with doing this. Mr. Swartzlander said that future meetings could be held in the Brooklyn Village office as they have enough space to hold a meeting with everyone.

ITEM 8 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 9 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Merillat entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. A motion was made by Ms. Daisher, seconded by Ms. Kline, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary
Region 2 Planning Commission