

Region 2

PLANNING COMMISSION

Serving Hillsdale, Jackson & Lenawee Counties

MEETING MINUTES

Jackson County Tower Bldg. – Full Commission
120 W. Michigan Ave.
Jackson, MI 49201

Thursday, July 10, 2025

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

Attendance:

Adams	Gentner	Lance	Scoville
Barnhart	Gosselin	Leonard	Shaw
Beach	Gould, J.	Lesinski	Shotwell
✓ Beeker	Gould, L.	Linnabary	Sigers
Benson	Grabert	Marsh	✓ Snell
Britten	Greene	May	✓ Southworth
Burke	Griffin	✓ Minnick, Jr.	Spink
Bush	Gross	Mitchell	✓ Sutherland
✓ Bussell	✓ Havican	Montrief	✓ Swartzlander
Calender	✓ Hawkins	Murphy	Thomas
Cavazos	Hawley	Nickel	✓ Tillotson
Clark	Heath	Norman	Todd
Collins	✓ Herlein	Overton	VanCamp
Cornish	✓ Jancek	✓ Penrose	✓ VanDoren
Cousino	Jennings	Peters	✓ Walz
✓ Cure	Johnson	✓ Pfeifer, C.	Weir
✓ Davis	Kastel	Pfeifer, R.	Williams
Dickerson	Keener	Pixley	Willis
✓ Donaldson	Keller	Planeta	Wilson
Downing	✓ Krasny	Root	✓ Witt
Duckham	Kuiper	Saenz	Wymer

Key: ✓ = present

Staff Present: Thomas Boss, Brett Gatz, Jacob Hurt, Jill Liogghio, Kade Peck, Grace Trosin

Others Present: Tina Beagle; Sam Fry, City of Hillsdale; Keith Gillenwater, Accelerate Jackson County; Ryan Tarrant, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Congressman Tim Walberg

- II. **Approval of the July 10, 2025 Agenda** – The motion was made by Comm. Penrose, supported by Comm. Jancek, to approve the July 10, 2025 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Public Comment** – Chair Witt requested public comment. No public comment was made.
- IV. **Approval of Full Commission Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025** – The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Swartzlander, to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of May 8, 2025 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Receipt/Approval of Treasurer’s Report of June 30, 2025** – The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Snell, to receive the June 30, 2025 Treasurer’s Report as presented and approve payment of the July 10, 2025 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Staff Progress Report for May and June 2025** – The May and June 2025 staff progress reports were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Hurt presented highlights from the staff progress report for the months of May and June 2025.
- VII. **MPO/JACTS Update** – The MPO/JACTS Update was provided in the packet and Mr. Gatz provided highlights from that report.
- VIII. **Presentation by Keith Gillenwater, President and CEO of Accelerate Jackson County** – Mr. Gillenwater provided an update on the activities of Accelerate Jackson including an upcoming analysis of potential industrial development sites in Jackson County and a new workforce development initiative.
- IX. **Presentation by Ryan Tarrant, President and CEO of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Experience Jackson** – Mr. Tarrant provided an update on the activities of the Chamber of Commerce, including its just launched Drive Jackson community vision plan project, and Experience Jackson’s outdoor recreation development efforts which include the inaugural Irish Hills Gravel bike race in Brooklyn on October 18.
- X. **Other Business** – Notice of Intent for Parma Township; Notice of Intent for MDNR; Public Notice from Village of Blissfield for review of Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- XI. **Public Comment / Commissioners’ Comments** – None.
- XII. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Chair Witt adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Dale Witt
Chair

** If there are errors in these minutes, please contact Jill at 517.768.6701 or jliogghio@mijackson.org.*