

Region 2

PLANNING COMMISSION

Serving Hillsdale, Jackson & Lenawee Counties

MEETING MINUTES

Jackson County Tower Bldg. – Full Commission
120 W. Michigan Ave., 5th Floor
Jackson, MI 49201

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

Attendance:

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

Key: ✓ = present

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

Others Present: Jeff Bell, City of Morenci Administrator; Dave Elwell, Blackman Charter Township

II. Approval of the January 8, 2026 Agenda – The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Penrose, to approve the January 8, 2026 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- III. **Public Comment** – Mr. Hurt requested public comment. No public comment was made.
- IV. **Approval of Full Commission Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2025** – The motion was made by Comm. Minnick, Jr., supported by Comm. Swartzlander, to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of November 13, 2025 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Receipt/Approval of Treasurer's Report of December 31, 2025** – The motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Grabert, to receive the December 31, 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented and approve payment of the January 8, 2026 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Staff Progress Report for November and December 2025** – The November and December 2025 staff progress reports were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Hurt presented highlights from the staff progress report for the months of November and December 2025.
- VII. **MPO/JACTS Update** – The MPO/JACTS Update was provided in the packet and Mr. Gatz provided highlights from that report.
- VIII. **Report of R2PC Nominating Committee / Election of 2026 Officers** – Motion was made by Comm. Minnick, Jr., supported by Comm. Jancek, to appoint Pete Jancek as Chair of the Nominating Committee as well as the following list of officers for 2026:

Chair	Andy Penrose, Hillsdale County
Vice-Chair	Matt Swartzlander, Jackson County
Treasurer	Mike Overton, Jackson County
Secretary	Jim VanDoren, Lenawee County

The motion carried unanimously.

- IX. **Approval of Resolution of Financial Commitment for EDA Partnership Planning Grant and Resolution for Executive Director to sign and submit CEDS Documents** – Motion was made by Comm. Jancek, supported by Comm. Minnick, Jr., to approve the Resolutions described above. The motion carried unanimously.
- X. **Other Business** – Comm. Jancek spoke about the passing of Judy Southworth.
- XI. **Public Comment / Commissioners' Comments** – Comm. Penrose stated he appreciates the support given for him becoming the Chair of R2PC.
- XII. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mr. Hurt adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Andy Penrose
Chair

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