

Region 2

PLANNING COMMISSION

Serving Hillsdale, Jackson & Lenawee Counties

MEETING MINUTES

Lenawee District Library – Full Commission
4459 W. U.S. 223
Adrian, MI 49221

Thursday, September 10, 2026

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

Attendance:

Adams	Engle	Leonard	Seegert
Anderson	Gosselin	Lesinski	Shaw
Barnhart	Gould, J.	Marsh	Shotwell
Bartley	✓ Gould, L.	May	Sigers
Beach	Grabert	✓ Minnick, Jr.	Smith
✓ Bell	Greene	Montrief	✓ Snell
Bird	Gross	Murphy	Spink
Britten	Havican	Nickel	✓ Swartzlander
Burke	Hawkins	Norman	Thomas
Bush	Hawley	✓ O'Connor	Tillotson
Clark	Haystead	Overton	Todd
Cockroft	Heath	✓ Penrose	VanCamp
Cornish	Herlein	Pfeifer, C.	VanDoren
Cousino	Hummer	Pfeifer, R.	✓ Walz
✓ Cure	Jancek	Pixley	Way
Davies	Jennings	Planeta	Williams
Dickerson	Jester	Richardson, B.	Willis
Downing	✓ Johnson	Richardson, R.	Wilson
Duckham	Kastel	Root	✓ Witt
Edgar	Keller	Saenz	

Key: ✓ = present

Staff Present: Evan Blake, Brett Gatz, Jacob Hurt, and Jill Liogghio

Others Present: None.

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Those in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **Approval of the September 10, 2026 Agenda** – The motion was made by Comm. Snell, supported by Comm. Minnick, Jr., to approve the September 10, 2026 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Public Comment** – Chair Penrose requested public comment. No public comment was made.
- V. **Approval of Full Commission Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2026** – The motion was made by Comm. Swartzlander, supported by Comm. Snell, to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of July 9, 2026 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Receipt/Approval of Treasurer's Report of August 31, 2026** – The motion was made by Comm. Snell, supported by Comm. Walz, to receive the August 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented and approve payment of the September 10, 2026 submitted bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Staff Progress Report for July and August 2026** – The July and August 2026 staff progress reports were included in the agenda packet.
- VIII. **MPO/JACTS Update** – The MPO/JACTS Update was provided in the packet and Mr. Gatz provided highlights from that report.
- IX. **Appointment of the FY 2027 R2PC Personnel and Finance Committee** – Comm. Swartzlander recommended keeping the current slate of commissioners for the FY 2027 R2PC Personnel and Finance Committee. Comm. Bell and Comm. Minnick, Jr., stated they would serve if needed. Motion was made by Comm. Minnick, Jr., supported by Comm. Walz, Jr., to approve the current slate of commissioners for the FY 2027 R2PC Personnel and Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously.
- X. **Other Business** – Renewable Energy Fundamentals Program, City of Morenci Master Plan Notice, Clinton Township Master Plan Notice, and Grass Lake Township Master Plan notice.
- XI. **Public Comment / Commissioners' Comments** – A brief discussion ensued among Commissioners regarding data centers, renewable energy projects, and short-term rentals.
- XII. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Chair Penrose adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Andy Penrose
Chair

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