

MICHIGAN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Lansing, Michigan

October 16, 2018

Pursuant to Section 31 of Act 436 of the Public Acts of 2016, the members of the Michigan Unmanned Aircraft Systems, created by said act, met at the Aeronautics Building, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, commencing at the hour of approximately 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Corbett Adkins-Phone
Craig Amey-Phone
Sgt. Scott Baldwin
Andrew Bordine
Jon Cool-Phone
Charles Drayton
John Hill
Kevin Jacobs
Christopher Johnson
Katie Jones-Phone
Sgt. Matt Rogers
Thomas Scott
Mike Trout

Members Absent

Bradley Chambers
Daniel Coffey
Julia Dale
Eric Ebenstein
John Flanagan
Thomas Harrell
Richard Kathrens
Kevin Klein
Kevin Lindsey
Greg MacMaster
Chief Mike Olson
Susan Roberts
Robert Sweeney
Brian Matchett

Staff Present

Judy Baker
Bryan Budds
Ashley Nobert
Brigitte Pricco

Also Present

Ian Thomas-OHM
Jason Yoscovitis-Wade Trim
Mike Cousins-OHM Advisors
Julie Neph-Mackinac Bridge
Seun Phillips-MEDC PlanetM
Frank Boston-MDOT Surveys

I. OPENING REMARKS/Roll Call/Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2017

The October 16, 2018 Michigan Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) was called to order by Mike Trout at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Trout welcomed all those present. He asked everyone to rise, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken by Brigitte Pricco.

Mr. Trout presented draft minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting. John Hill moved to approve the minutes with Andrew Bordine who seconded the motion. The task force approved.

II. PlanetM Briefing

Seun Phillips, Director of PlanetM, presented the goals and progress of the PlanetM mobility initiative with the task force. Seun described how PlanetM has been initially focused on autonomous and connected ground vehicles but that more opportunities exist to collaborate on unmanned aerial system development. Seun discussed future grant opportunities for UAS companies through MEDC and PlanetM.

III. Federal Policy Developments

Bryan Budds gave a presentation on recent changes to the federal regulatory environment for UAS as a result of the recently approved Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization – including changes to the hobbyist rule for UAS, increase in counter-UAS activities near airports and other critical infrastructure and others. This will be a five-year long bill.

IV. State Policy Developments

Bryan Budds discussed the current legislative progress of the Task Force's legislative recommendations. All the recommendations approved by the Task Force in 2017 that require legislative action have been introduced and are at various stages in the legislative process. Most bills reflect the UAS Task Force recommendations however some changes have been proposed and defeated.

Chairman Trout led a discussion among the Task Force to ensure the recommendations, as presented in 2017, still reflect the views of the Task Force. The members of the task force discussed and indicated the existing recommendations still reflect the views of the group.

V. CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mike Trout, Chairman