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## MICHIGAN DAM SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING

Virtual Teams Meeting

January 13, 2021, 10:00–11:15 AM

### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

#### Members Present

Melinda (Myndi) Bacon  
Liesl Eichler Clark  
Dr. Marty Holtgren  
Jim Kochevar  
Evan Pratt  
Dr. Stan Vitton  
Brad Wieferich (for Paul Ajegba)

John Broschak  
Dan Eichinger  
Dr. Dana Infante  
Paul Malocha  
Bill Rustem  
Abby Watkins

Dr. Bryan Burroughs  
Brett Fessell  
Douglas Jester  
Tanya Paslawski  
Dan Scripps  
Glen Wiczorek

#### Welcome and Task Force Business

##### Roll Call

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM.

Chair Evan Pratt welcomed members to the sixth full Michigan Dam Safety Task Force meeting.

##### Approval of the Agenda

Douglas Jester motioned to approve the January 13, 2021, meeting agenda, which Dan Scripps seconded. The motion passed.

##### Approval of the Draft Minutes

Dan Eichinger motioned to approve the draft minutes from the December 17, 2020, meeting, which Jester seconded. The motion passed.

#### EGLE Dam Safety Program

##### EGLE Updates

Director Liesl Clark thanked task force members for their time and energy throughout this deliberative process as well as members of the public for their participation and feedback during public comment. Clark reminded attendees of the public comment session on January 27, 2021, and encouraged individuals to attend and provide feedback on task force recommendations.



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## **Review Draft Recommendations**

Elizabeth Riggs, Public Sector Consultants, explained to task force members that, instead of voting on every recommendation like in the previous meeting, they would voice concerns and provide new language to address those concerns. Through further discussion, if needed, the task force can determine whether recommendations can move forward, as amended, or be tabled for further consideration.

Pratt reviewed recommendations by section:

- Permitting and Design Review
  - All six recommendations supported
- Reevaluation, Inspection, and Surveillance Monitoring
  - All seven recommendations supported
- Program Management, Funding, and Budgeting
  - All 33 recommendations supported
- Legislation and Authority (new recommendations only)
  - Seven recommendations supported, one tabled
- Dam Financing
  - Six recommendations supported, one tabled
- Licensing and Ownership
  - All three recommendations supported
- Compliance, Enforcement, and Emergency Response
  - All 13 recommendations supported

## **Action Items and Next Steps**

Pratt, again, reminded attendees of the public comment meeting on January 27, 2021, encouraging task force members to attend. He also explained the review timeline for the final report, suggesting members review it before the final task force meeting on February 3, 2021.

Clark noted the draft of the final recommendations will be available for public review prior to the public comment meeting, encouraging people to provide feedback. Clark and Riggs thanked task force members for their time and commitment in creating a meaningful process. Clark added that input received throughout the process will be summarized in the final report.

## **Closing Remarks**

The next full task force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.