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Water Asset Management Council Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Sue McCormick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with a quorum established

II. Attendance

Roll Call – Bob Schneider

Members Present:

Aaron Keatley, Ionia County
Scott Noesen, in Midland County
Scott House, Vice Chair, in East Lansing
Cameron Van Wyngarden, Kent County
Jane Fitzpatrick, Saginaw County
Sue McCormick, Chair, in Wayne County
Carrie Cox, in Oakland County
Randy Scott, in Delta County
Evan Pratt, Washtenaw County
Suzanne Pauley, in Clinton County

Support Staff Present:

Bob Schneider, EGLE

III. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

WAMC members

Motion: Scott Noesen made a motion to approve the minutes and Randy Scott seconded the motion. No changes were made and the motion was approved by all members present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

WAMC members

Motion: Jane Fitzpatrick made a motion to approve the agenda and Scott House seconded the motion. Carrie Cox asked if there could be a discussion of the timing of the letter. Bob Schneider stated that it could be added to the webinar discussion. The agenda was approved by all members present.

V. Public Comment

No one from the public had a comment.

VI. Michigan Infrastructure Council Update

Ninah Sasy

Ninah introduced herself as the new executive director of the MIC and gave updates on progress with the Asset Management Champions program. MIC is starting to plan AM in the AM. Amber Hicks will start inviting vendors. The definitions and standards subgroup will be presented in June and then to WAMC and TAMC in the summer.

VII. Review of Webinar Format and Production Details

WAMC members

Carrie Cox gave a description of the subgroup meeting on the webinar. The webinar letter would need to be approved in June to get out in time for the October survey. The plan is to have a webinar September 8. Sue McCormick stated she could plan on doing the webinar live vs pre-recorded. Carrie Cox mentioned that there was no carrot or stick to get people to participate and Scott House offered some verbiage to help convince participation. Jane Fitzpatrick stated that she was going to use upcoming grant monies as a reason participation could be helpful in leveraging funding. Cameron Van Wyngarden reiterated that EGLE needed the letter at least two weeks before it needed to be sent out.

VIII. Discuss Format for Review of Incoming Surveys

WAMC members

Bob Schneider talked about the example surveys he provided the council and how they could be reviewed. He mentioned that the questions were tweaked to make sure answers were provided in a consistent format. Carrie Cox indicated that she liked how the example looked and the options it provided.

IX. Review and Approval of WAMC Annual Report

WAMC members

Cameron Van Wyngarden spoke about the changes he and Evan Pratt proposed. Evan Pratt asked what a reasonable timeframe was to set to ask for funding or more support. Aaron Keatley asked Even Pratt to clarify what was meant by the updates and how they related to WAMC looking like TAMC and if that comparison needed to be made. Carrie Cox had a list of suggestions and said she would send them to Bob Schneider with track changes. Scott House offered some changes to the challenges section on the enabling legislation. The group was hopeful the report could be approved at the June meeting.

X. Establishing Subcommittees

WAMC members

Carrie Cox volunteered Evan Pratt to start a subcommittee on future funding for WAMC. Jane Fitzpatrick offered interest in the proposed committee. Aaron Keatley asked for clarification on strategic planning with WAMC and Sue McCormick stated she thought it should be discussed by the whole group vs a subcommittee. A smaller group on future funding was created to be led by Evan Pratt.

XI. Discussion on Changes to the WAMC Bylaws

WAMC members

Cameron Van Wyngarden shared his proposed changes to the bylaws. Changes included changing DEQ to EGLE, parts in the committee section, and participation in-person vs remotely were discussed. Cameron Van Wyngarden stated that the changes would be brought up at the next meeting.

XII. Adjournment

Sue McCormick, Chair

Scott House stated he was being called up for active duty and was unsure if he would be able to participate on the council in the future. Sue McCormick thanked him for his service. Members went around and congratulated and thanked Bob Schneider and wished him well in retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 24, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

TBD