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Water Asset Management Council Meeting

Thursday, July 22, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Sue McCormick, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with a quorum established

II. Attendance

Roll Call – Beth Lounds

Members Present:

Aaron Keatley, Ionia County
Scott Noesen, in Midland County (remote)
Cameron Van Wyngarden, Kent County
Jane Fitzpatrick, Saginaw County
Sue McCormick, Chair, Wayne County
Carrie Cox, Oakland County
Evan Pratt, Washtenaw County
Suzanne Pauley (remote)

III. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

WAMC members
Motion to approve minutes with corrections passed.

IV. Approval of July Agenda

WAMC members
Agenda was approved with changes.

V. Public Comment

No public comment

SEMCOG Presentation

Kelly Karll, and Rachel Barlock – webinar and SEMCOG will be sharing their annual report with WAMC.

VI. MIC Update

Amber/Sue -think about how, as we prepare for strategic planning, to work with MIC. Amber – Larry Steckelberg, MIC interim director, is representing treasury – familiar with MIC -. Ninah is no longer with MIC.

Larry indicated that he was recently appointed interim executive director and Heather Frick has joined MIC representing treasury. While getting up to speed on WAMC among other things, Larry is preparing the annual report that is due in September. Amber and Larry to write annual report.

Question came up about MIC to complete a 30-year plan. There are a wide range of ideas on infrastructure. MIC is working on securing a contract. Key initiative of MIC is CNAM AM Champions Program.

MIC Portal – acceptance – planning portal, Amber - #s, 25 orgs participating 65 additional users - # projects over 12,000 collectively across assets. Expect to grow/ GVMetro Council – West side of the state’s data. Great feedback. Anticipated interest will increase especially with the increase of funding for infrastructure.

VII. **template language – from 10/1 to 9/8 tool** – much referenced on the WAMC website – EGLE doesn’t have electronic communication for the letter. Can we get a smart link? Changes to letter is good – Erin and Mark’s absence – Aaron will follow up – WAMC site on EGLE – separate sub-site, existing. Michigan.gov/WAMC link takes you to the site – marketing URL.

Letter needs to go out fast. Mark Conradi indicated at the last meeting the EGLE will need two weeks to get thru our process and it needs to be sent out at least two weeks before the webinar.

VIII. **Updating the website for templates – approved scheduled**

Who’s doing that? Mark Conradi – will be addressing elements missing. updated Schedule. EGLE mentioned a couple add on’s – cut off – what year they fit in and who will be responding. See and approve the schedule? Organized alpha – need to identify by county? Recommend, empower sue to make executive decision of the group, if everyone is satisfied with the content – sue will sign letter. “WAMC has a legislative mandate and is working with EGLE”.

Motion for letter that was drafted by Carrie and sue to approve all the work that Carrie has done and send letter to Aaron. Aaron will make sure to send out. Cameron seconded the motion; voted on and passed.

IX. **WAMC – Webinar – Report Review of updated slides – no slide available** -Carrie will AM Champion – edit those slides – Website to be discussed and approve at the August

meeting. Subcommittee – will meeting week of 23rd. in packet? EGLE – signup set up – Mark and Matt? attended subcommittee meeting

X. EGLE Update

Aaron gave an update –

1. Make sure letter is completed. Context of letter and responses.
2. Website – needs to follow up on website
3. Roles and responsibilities – sorting out
 - a. Beth completing agenda minutes variety of admin stuff
 - b. Mark tech liaison – interagency support.
 - c. Mark Primary to keep leadership informed
 - d. Technical analysis – Aaron still needs to assign this.
 - e. Bylaws – to be updated on website.
4. Asking for time on agenda/Division directors in Drinking water to (please inform Beth & Sue). Support WAMC.
5. Data – how is it going to be used.
6. MIC, WAMC & EGLE big role – issues, dependency, reliability.
7. SharePoint site – for the group to be updated.

XI. Financing and Funding Subcommittee updates- met twice since last time – looked at statute – 3 docs to be sent out to the group and to be put on the website – vote in August for the move to the MIC.

1. Went through statute – highlight up, key areas not performing up to 100% of what's up.
2. 5005 is the most important – analysis of plans received and how utilities and are meeting the goals – better handle on the overview of the permitting process what was the role up of SAW. Report shall also include recommendations on drinking water, wastewater and stormwater condition goals and analysis of how the utilities are meeting those goals. The water infrastructure asset management analyses contained in the report shall be consistent with the MIC asset management process and shall be reported consistent with categories established by the MIC. Aaron, system in process?
3. Entity that submits audit; possible to look at spending history.
4. Budget needs – bridge from things we are not doing to budget needs. Training is mentioned three times in statute, and is up to MIC to complete.

Closing Remarks

Sue mentioned that this meeting was quite productive. She wanted to make sure everyone knew that the work surrounded determining the data gap, what data we

already have and how to get what we need. EGLE will play a big part in assisting WAMC getting the data that is needed.

Sue also mentioned that the meeting schedule is on the website and Beth will be sending out and updated scheduled next week.

It was pointed out that there is no longer a Vice Chair for WAMC, and it was determined that it will be an agenda item for the August meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm