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Water Asset Management Council Meeting
Constitution Hall, Atrium, Lee Walker Conference Room
Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Sue McCormick, Chair

II. Attendance

Roll Call –Beth Lounds

Sue McCormick, Chair, Water, Wastewater, or Stormwater Regional Authority - present

Cameron Van Wyngarden, Vice-Chair, Michigan Townships Association Rep.

Carrie Cox, Water Infrastructure Association Rep. – not present.

Jane Fitzpatrick, Representative of a Region – not present.

Aaron Keatley, Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy – not present.

Vacant, Michigan Association of Counties

Evan Pratt, Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners – not present.

Bill Bohlen, Member with Experience - virtual

Tim Zebell, Michigan Municipal League, Water Asset Management - present

Support Staff Present:

Beth Lounds – Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

III. After roll call – there was not enough members for a quorum. Agenda, minutes, and other agenda items to be voted on were moved to the April meeting.

IV. Approval of Agenda – moved to April's meeting.

WAMC Members

V. Approval of January Meeting Minutes – moved to April's meeting.

WAMC Members

VI. Public Comment – none

VII. MIC Update - Ryan Laruwe, MIC, Executive Director

Ryan discussed meetings that resulted in the MIC looking to partner with _____ to bring upgrades to the portal with the goal of releasing an upgraded portal in the fall to align with the IIJA funds that are coming into the state. MIC is working with the Governor's office to fast track the portal to get it up and running. He mentioned a few of the upgrades.

He discussed the companion software as in Roadsoft. Would like to have conversation with WAMC about potentially pilot the software. Looking to keep the software interoperable. Baseline of 20 integrations and looking to find partners to pilot this portal. Participation would be MIC funded.

Sue discussed the AMP template that was sent to all WAMC members prior to the meeting.

Ryan gave a quick update on the 30-year Strategy. Steering committee met with contractor – decided to focus on priorities over the next 5 years. Asset management training – trying to get to the short list and come together as 3 councils and work with asset classes. Driving towards a June draft – review at the June 8th meeting. Sue discussed the five pillars and where priorities fit.

There will be several sessions at that meeting and move the WAMC meeting to June 8, 2023.

Last update was that the AM Champion classes will be August 9th and expanded the class to accept 200 participants. MIC will be working on that over the next few months.

VIII. Potential MIC/WAMC/TAMC Joint Fall Conference – TAMC put the issue on the table – this year would be too rushed. The idea is to start planning for a conference next year. Try to find the right window and location – any WAMC members who would like to volunteer to help with the Fall Conference.

IX. Annual Review of Bylaws – moved to April's meeting.

X. 2022 Annual Report Draft Review – moved to April's meeting.

XI. [Updated Application with Financial Criteria](#)

Mark Conradi – without quorum, grant program – WAMC can vote to waive their grant match – pre-school having arsenic removed and get \$4,000 back. Grant application is in process and should be signed in the next couple of weeks, it can be voted on at April's meeting.

XII. Closing Remarks – Sue asked everyone to review the message about the Asset Management template. Discuss at the next meeting to decide what data is needed for not just WAMC but for EGLE as well. Eric has staff identified as Brian Thurston, Assistant Director for Drinking Water. Currently have 521 AM plans submitted on the Drinking Water side – available for WAMC to look at. Lou Dashor would be the other person to work with Brian and WAMC. Tim has expressed interest in participating on the new committee. Tim would be the WAMC lead. Carrie would be a resource for the committee as well. Brian’s contact information needs to be sent to Tim Zebel. Make a call to others at next meeting.

XIII. Adjournment – 11:04 AM

Next Meeting: April 27, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
In-person: Lee Walker Conference Room
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