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Water Asset Management Council Meeting
Constitution Hall, Atrium, Lee Walker Conference Room
Thursday, January 26, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Sue called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM with an announcement to delay the start until 10:15 AM to allow time for Evan Pratt to arrive so as to have a quorum.

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM once Evan arrived.

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., present

Carrie Cox, Water Infrastructure Association Rep., virtual

Jane Fitzpatrick, Representative of a Region, virtual

Aaron Keatley, Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, present

Vacant, Michigan Association of Counties

Evan Pratt, Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners, present

Bill Bohlen, Member with Experience, present

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

Support Staff Present:

Beth Lounds – Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, present

III. Approval of Agenda

Changes were made to the agenda, motion to approve made by Evan and supported by Cameron. Agenda was unanimously approved with changes.

IV. Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Tim and supported by Cameron. October minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November minutes was made by Evan and supported by Tim. November minutes were unanimously approved.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment.

VII. Welcome New Board Member

Sue introduced and welcomed Bill to the Council as the new member. Bill gave a brief bio of himself.

VIII. MIC Update

Ryan Laruwe, MIC, Executive Director

- a. **Mic 30-year Plan** – Ryan gave an updated on the MIC 30-year plan with discussion around the next steps. Reconvene stakeholder groups.
- b. **New WAMC member** - Ryan gave the updates from the last MIC meeting. New WAMC member – working with Sue to get a roster of potential candidates out of the Michigan Associated Counties. Goal is to have an appointment by the March meeting.
- c. **New portal** - MIC is looking to replace its project portal. Has a viable vendor. In working on the portal – Ryan opened the invitation to attend meetings – for 2 hours a month. Ryan will share a one-hour demo with the group about the package they were looking at on the new system.

IX. Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule

- a. **Decision on Date/Time** – it was moved and supported that the WAMC meetings will be continued to fall on the 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12 PM. Beth will update the scheduled and repost on the WAMC website. Motion to approve made by Evan supported by Cameron, unanimously approved.

- X. Annual Review of Bylaws** – Cameron brought to the attention of the group the need to review the bylaws. He indicated that some of the areas need to be changed. Cameron discussed the pieces that need to be worked on. Sue indicated the committees need to post a meeting schedule on the webpage, the meeting information, agenda, and minutes. **Beth will work on get that set up.*

- XI. Election of Officers for 2023** – All agreed to extend their terms again. To be voted on at next meeting.

- XII. 2022 Annual Report** - Cameron needs to have the activities and any edits/changes to him in February to bring to legislative/MIC by May. **agenda item for March meeting.*

- XIII. Update on number of surveys submitted to the portal** – Mark Conradi gave an update on the number of surveys submitted so far. It's extremely low at this time. We need to post a copy of the letter that was sent to the WAMC website. Currently, 6 from drinking water, 14 from wastewater and 2 from storm water.

XIV. Outreach for Third Round – Presenting at Summer & Fall conferences –
AWWA – call for abstracts open for fall conference – Carrie will go to the conference and present. Bill offered to work with Carrie on the abstract and go to the conference.

XV. Closing Remarks

It was decided that the February meeting would be cancelled, and the next meeting will be in March.

XVI. Adjournment 11:50 AM

Next Meeting: March 23, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
In-person: Lee Walker Conference Room
Lansing, MI 48933