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Water Asset Management Council Meeting
Department of Treasury, Operations Center
7285 Parsons Dr, Dimondale, MI 48821
Thursday, July 24, 2025
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Minutes

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

- II. Attendance**
 - a. Let the record show that five (5) council members were present, and one (1) council member attended virtually, and three (3) council members were not present.
 - b. Let the record show that a quorum was established.
 - c. Let the record show that one (1) non-voting member was present.
 - d. Support Staff Present:
Beth Lounds – Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

- III. Approval of Agenda**
 - i. A motion was made by Carl Overly to approve the agenda with changes.
 - i. Brian Vilmont supported the motion.
 - ii. The motion carried without dissent.

- IV. Approval of June 2025 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Motion was made by Bill Bohlen to approve the June 2025 meeting minutes with edits.
 - i. Carrie Ricker Cox supported the motion.
 - ii. The motion carried without dissent.

- V. Public Comment**
 - a. None heard.

- VI. MIC Update**
 - a. Nathan Hamilton indicated that the Education and Training for the next round of AM Champions is accepting applications. Please make referrals to the MIC website at [Michigan Infrastructure Council](#) to submit application.
 - b. Applications are due August 8 and include Drinking Water credits.
 - c. MIC has surpassed the 700-cohort mark.
 - d. Kelly Karll discussed course content, audience, and the MIC will move forward with curriculum.
 - e. Rich hubs are now pre-approved, and the MIC is ready to send out those MOUs.

- f. The Integrated Infrastructure Conference is now scheduled for September 23 – 24, 2026. Look for the “Save the Date” notice. The Joint Councils will meet on September 22, 2026. Venue is the VistaTech Center, Schoolcraft Campus in Livonia. The menu will be sent via email later today. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Emilee or Beth.
- g. The proposal for costs of the WAMC templates will go out Tuesday.
- h. November 20 will be the Joint Council Meeting where regular council meetings will be held in the morning and the afternoon will be the MIC, TAMC, WAMC meeting of the 30-year strategy.

VII. KPI and Survey Committee

- a. The group is still working on the Annual Report to the MIC will have it ready to vote on by the August meeting then it can be sent to the MIC.
- b. The KPI team discussed at length how to get more participation in the survey besides just mailing and would like to get the letter ready to be approved by the August or September meeting.
- c. The group is going to focus on changing the language in the legislation to align to EGLE’s 5-year asset management submissions.

VIII. WSP Data Collection - Mark Holmes presented the proposal to the WAMC on what DTMB can do and the cost of creating a database for collection for the survey. The plan is to create a collection system that will be available for Round 2 Survey submissions. Ben Harris, DTMB, will get working on it very soon. After a kickoff meeting, then following the plan set out in the proposal. The cost will be \$5,000.

- a. A motion for the council to be in favor of the MIC supporting WSP/DTMB for the survey proposed cost of \$5,000 was made by Carrie Ricker Cox.
 - i. The motion was supported by Bill Bohlen.
 - ii. The motion carried without dissent.

IX. Annual Report – Legislature/MIC

- a. The Annual Report to the MIC will be ready to vote at the August meeting.

X. Strategic Plan Comments

- a. Comments addressed several objectives; and there are some comments to be added. Sue will make the suggested adjustments as the first pass. She will send it out within the next week.
- b. Bill agreed to assist Sue.

XI. Closing Remarks

- a. Cameron has asked everyone at this meeting to plan on attending next month. He also gave appreciation to all the members of the KPI Committee on the work they have put into the report and the surveys.
- b. Bill Bohlen informed Cameron that he will not be at the October WAMC meeting.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM EST.

Next Meeting: **August 28, 2025**
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Deborah A Stabenow Building, Atrium Level
Lee Walker Conference Room
525 W Allegan St
Lansing MI 48933

Roll Call –Beth Lounds

Cameron Van Wyngarden, Chair, Michigan Townships Association Rep -present
Sue McCormick, Vice-Chair, Water, Wastewater, or Stormwater Regional
Authority – present virtually
Brian Vilmont, Representing an Association - present
Kelly Karll, Representative of a Region, SEMCOG – not present
Aaron Keatley, Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy – not present
Carl Overly, Michigan Association of Counties - present
Carrie Cox, Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners –present
Bill Bohlen, Member with Experience - present
Jaime Fleming, Michigan Municipal League, Water Asset Management – not
present