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Water Asset Management Council Meeting
Deborah A Stabenow Building, Lee Walker Conference Room
525 West Allegan St., Lansing MI 48933
Thursday, August 28, 2025
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Attendance

- a. Let the record show that eight (8) council members were present, and one (1) council member was not present.
- b. Let the record show that a quorum was established.
- c. Let the record show that the one (1) non-voting member was not present.
- d. Support Staff Present:
Beth Lounds – Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. A motion was made by Jaime Fleming to approve the agenda with one edit.
 - i. Kelly Karll supported the motion.
 - ii. The motion carried with dissent.

IV. Approval of July 2025 Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Sue McCormick to approve the July 2025 meeting with edits.
 - i. Carl Overly supported the motion.
 - ii. The motion carried without dissent.

V. Public Comment

- a. No public comment made.

VI. MIC Update

- a. Ryan Laruwe ceded the floor to Emily to offer updates.
- b. Emily updated the WAMC that the IIC will be at VistaTech campus in Livonia, the final menu has been decided, and the committee has been formed to obtain presenters.
- c. Nominations are now being accepted for the upcoming term limits of the council. For the reappointment for EGLE – send those nominations to Aaron.

- d. Ryan announced seven MAR Regions have been designated to create a regional GIS mapping for the website.
- e. Discussion around email blasts and letters getting to the correct person, pros and cons, and how the GIS may assist as email addresses could be part of the information collected/captured.
- f. GIS plan to incorporate those with major assets. Aaron would like to be able to get data on smaller overburdened communities.
- g. Ryan interviewed consultants from SEMCOG to work with crating a roadmap on how to collect CIP from smaller communities-
- h. WSP and MIC are working to revamp the survey
- i. Ben gave update of survey and testing is currently underway. Wastewater is ready . He is sure he will have the surveys ready by October 1, 2025, for round two.

VII. KPI and Survey Committee

- a. Carrie review the annual report to the MIC with the group. A few changes to page 8; discussion on the analysis on data – needed to review with council before publication of document.
- b. Letter and email blast language was reviewed and approved to be sent out. Beth will work on the letter and have it out very soon. Email blasts will go out before October 1 and before November 1.

VIII. WAMC Strategic Plan

- a. Sue reviewed the Strategic Plan with the group. Final edits were given and approved. Sue will send thank you notes to those that offered comments.

IX. WSP Data Collection Funding

- a. Topic was covered under the MIC remark and the KPI Committee updates.

X. Closing Remarks

- a. Since so many will not be available to attend the September 25, 2025, meeting, it has been cancelled. The next meeting will be October 23, 2025.

XI. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 23, 2025
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Deborah A. Stabenow Building, Atrium Level
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XII. Roll Call – Beth Lounds

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

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

Brian Vilmont, Representing an Association - present

Kelly Karll, Representative of a Region, SEMCOG - present

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

Carl Overly, Michigan Association of Counties - present

Carrie Cox, Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners - present

Bill Bohlen, Member with Experience – not present

Jaime Fleming, Michigan Municipal League, Water Asset Management - present

Support Staff:

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