Water Asset Management Council Meeting
Deborah A Stabenow Building
525 W Allegan St., 6th Floor
Coleman Young Conference Room
Thursday, March 26, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

Minutes

- **Call to Order**
  The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. EST.

- **Attendance**
  a. Let the record show that six (6) council members were present.
  b. Let the record show that a quorum was established.

  Roll Call –Beth Worden
  Present – Cameron VanWyngarden, Chair, Michigan Townships Association Representative
  Present – Sue McCormick, Vice-Chair, Water, Wastewater, or Stormwater Regional Authority
  Present – Brian Vilmont, Representing an Association
  Present – March Hamilton, Representative of a Region, SWMPC
  Virtual – Aaron Keatley, Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
  Not present – Carl Overly, Michigan Association of Counties
  Present – Carrie Ricker Cox, Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners
  Present – Sally Duffy, Member with Experience
  Virtual – Jaime Fleming, Michigan Municipal League, Water Asset Management
  Virtual – Mark Holmes, DTMB, Non-Voting Member
  Present – Beth Worden, Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Support Staff

- **Approval of Agenda**
  a. A motion was made by Sue McCormick to approve the agenda.
    i. Brian Vilmont supported the motion.
    ii. The motion carried without dissent.

- **Approval of February 26 Meeting Minutes**
  a. A motion was made by Brian Vilmont to approve the meeting minutes of the February 26th meeting.
    i. Sue McCormick supported the motion.
    ii. The motion carried without dissent.

- **Public Comment –**
  a. No public comment.

- **MIC Update**
  a. Nathan Hamilton gave MIC updates. MIC is moving forward with education and training for AM Champions – noted that this was the largest group. The AM Education Committee is making progress in the eLearning programs. Nathan could not confirm that there is an AM champion in each of the 83 counties of Michigan.
  b. Emilee Madison gave an update on the IIC26 joint conference. The date for presenters to submit a proposal has been extended to April 12, 2026. Please send something out to those that you have contacted to let them know there is still time to submit a proposal.

- **KPI and Survey Committee**
  a. For the last two meetings, the KPI and Survey committee members have reviewed the survey data. This round gave the least amount of data compared to prior years.
  b. Committee is questioning the value of the data.
  c. Committee will work on the Memo to the Legislature for the next meeting.

- **Bylaw Review**
  a. Carl Overly reviewed the bylaws and reported to Sue.
  b. Because the legislation is very clear, and until it is changed, the bylaws are deemed to be sufficient as they stand.
  c. Bylaw Review committee will not be a standing agenda item for each meeting.

- **Strategic Plan Discussion**
  a. A motion was made to reach out to the representatives regarding the legislation.
  b. In the future, the council would like to invite AM champions to attend a future asset management committee/KPI and Survey committee meeting.
  c. Goals #1, 2, and 3 were discussed.
  d. Next Steps: Identify key priorities; then next steps would be who's leading and then create structure. Need to allow to come back with ideas to align with WAMC goals

- **WSP's Efforts**
  a. Sally Duffy discussed WSPs efforts and determined that they all are still learning.
  b. Gave recommendations on surveys, such as piloting job aids to those submitting data.
  c.

- **Closing Remarks**
  a. Cameron discussed the ability to ask for common language for wastewater and sewer water capacity – for the gathering information and

economic value piece; and be able to speak the value of asset management to the public.

b. Beth discussed getting quotes for Bus for IIC26. Sally said she would handle it.

Adjournment

c. Cameron adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m. EST.

Next Meeting: **April 23, 2026**
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Deborah A. Stabenow Bld.
Lee Walker Conference Room
525 W Allegan St., Atrium Level
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