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**MICHIGAN-INDIANA STATE LINE COMMISSION**  
**Ottawa Building, Upper Level Conference Room 6**  
**611 West Ottawa Street**  
**Lansing, Michigan 48933**

**MINUTES**  
September 13, 2022  
1:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mr. John Kamer  
Mr. Michael Lodzinski  
Mr. Christian Marbach  
Mr. David Mostrom

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vacant – Branch County Licensed Surveyor

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

Mr. Keith Lambert, Director, Administration BCC  
Ms. Alesha Gensler, Director, Licensing, Compliance & Administration Division, BCC  
Mr. Nick Clever, Director, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation, BCC  
Ms. Jean Smydra, Departmental Analyst, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation, BCC  
Ms. Tracie Pack, Departmental Analyst, Administration Section, BCC  
Ms. Hillary Millen, Departmental Analyst, Administration Section, BCC  
Mr. Nathan Gambill, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Keith Lambert called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present at that time.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marbach and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kamer to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A. Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marbach and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lodzinski to nominate Commissioner Kamer as Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Vice Chairperson

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Mostrom and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lodzinski to nominate Commissioner Marbach as Vice Chairperson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL COUNSEL**

AAG Gambill introduced himself to the Commission. He instructed that all questions should be directed through Bureau staff who will coordinate with him as appropriate. Additionally, AAG Gambill gave touch points on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA) explaining items such as notes and emails are open to FOIA, and to comply with the OMA, the Commission cannot have discussions outside of an open meeting. He added, after the first of the year, the OMA will require meetings to be recorded.

Vice Chairperson Marbach asked if the Commission will be able to communicate with Indiana's Commission. AAG Gambill confirmed the Commission can, pursuant to 2022 PA 81; however, he will have to do further research on how the two (2) Commissions can interact and still be in compliance with the OMA.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Media Inquiries

Members cannot speak on behalf of the Commission outside of a meeting as no one member of the Commission is the whole Commission. All media inquiries received must go through the LARA Communications office. Commissioners should direct all inquiries to the Bureau's Administration Section for appropriate routing.

B. Cost Estimate Study – Section 651 of 2022 PA 166

i. LARA Must Conduct

LARA must complete a cost estimate study before work can begin. No contracts can be entered into until the study is complete. The estimate will cover the entire program.

C. \$500,000 Funding Cap

The funding cap was discussed during Item 5Bi.

D. Commission Duties

- i. Procurement Process
- ii. Contracts
- iii. Survey Completion & Legislative Report

Items 5Di-iii were discussed together referencing MCL 54.321 and that the work needs to be completed by January 1, 2026 as stated in MCL 54.323.

E. Lost Corners

Discussion was had that a majority of corners will need to be run through both public bodies, and that more corners have been lost than will be found.

F. Indiana Law

To assist LARA with the Cost Estimate Study, Vice Chairperson Marbach will provide the Administration Section with a copy of Indiana's law for their state line project.

G. Interaction with Indiana Commission

The Commission suggested LARA contact Mr. Anthony Hendricks, Chairperson for Indiana's Commission for information on where they are at in their state line project.

H. Frequency of Meetings

2022 PA 81 states the Commission shall meet quarterly, and the Bureau's Administration Section will schedule those meeting.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Kamer asked for verification on who would be handling the information discussed.

- AAG Gambill will research how communications can be managed between the Michigan and Indiana Commissions without violating the OMA.
- Director Lambert will be handling the cost estimate study.
- Vice Chairperson Marbach will contact Indiana's Commission to gather as much information as possible regarding their project including a copy of Indiana's state line statute which he will then forward to the Bureau's Administration Section.

No public was present; however, the Commission asked who was present from the Bureau. BCC staff, Alesha Gensler, Nick Clever, and Jean Smydra, introduced themselves.

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE – DECEMBER 1, 2022**

The Commission is scheduled to meet next at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933 in Upper Level Conference Room 6 on December 1, 2022.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Lodzinski and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mostrom to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**