

**Michigan Infrastructure Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Q4 Meeting December 9, 2021**

**Meeting was held at 2700 Port Lansing Rd (MDOT Aeronautics Auditorium) and electronically using Microsoft Teams**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm with a quorum established.

**I. Welcome/Introductions**

John Weiss, Chairperson, welcomed everyone present.

**II. Attendance**

Roll Call – Larry Steckelberg

Name	Present	Absent	Location	Name	Present	Absent	Location
John Weiss, Chairperson	X		In Person	Eric Swanson, DTMB	X		In Person
Kathleen Lomako, Vice-Chairperson	X		Wayne County, Livonia, MI	Jodi Gruner, MDARD		X	
Marco Bruzzano	X		Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor, MI	Aaron Keatley, EGLE	X		In Person
John Daly, III	X		In-Person	Sharon Schafer, MDNR		X	Mecosta County, MI
Daniel Fredendall	X		Wayne County, MI	Laura Mester, MDOT	X		In Person
Jon Kangas		X		Heather Frick, Treasury	X		In Person
Erin Kuhn	X		In person	Jill Rusnak, MPSC	X		In Person
Palencia Mobley		x		Joanna Johnson, TAMC	X		Kalamazoo County, MI
David Wresinski	X		In-Person	Sue McCormick, WAMC	x	X	In Person

**Support Staff Present:**

Larry Steckelberg, Interim MIC Executive Director

Stephen Welke, Treasury

**Public Present:**

Beverly Watts

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** by Dave Wresinski to approve the agenda

**Seconded** by Kathleen Lomako

A roll call vote was held, and the motion was carried without dissent.

**IV. Approval of September 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** by Dan Fredendall to approve the minutes for September 9, 2021

**Seconded** by Dave Wresinski

A roll call vote was held, and the motion was carried without dissent.

**V. Election of Officers**

**Motion** by Dan Fredendall moved John Weiss as Chair and Kathleen Lomako as Vice-Chair

**Seconded** by John Daly II

A roll call vote was held, and the motion was carried without dissent.

**VI. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**VII. MIC Staffing Update**

Larry Steckelberg informed the Council that the position of Executive Director had been posted with interviews planned for January. The process for the analyst position was moving forward to interviews with a plan to hire that position in January also.

**VIII. Update on 30-Year Plan Contract**

John Weiss appointed a subgroup to work with the contractor on the 30-Year Plan. Kathleen Lomako was appointed chair with members to include Erin Kuhn, Marco Bruzzano, Sue McCormick (representing WAMC), (Joanna Johnson) representing TAMC, and John Weiss as an ex-officio member. Larry Steckelberg described the state process for choosing the contractor and introduced Gareth McKay of WSP Michigan, the chosen contractor. Gareth McKay updated the Council on the strategy to launch the 30-Year Plan Project.

**IX. AM Champions Program Update**

Erin Kuhn updated the Council that planning had begun for launching the next round of Asset Management Champion training. Larry Steckelberg outlined the features of the new contract for the Asset Management Champion program including features such as networking, office hours, and making resources available to graduates of the 2021 program.

**X. Nominations Committee Update**

Dan Fredendall provided a slate of nominees presented by the MIC Nominations Committee as recommended to be appointed to a 3 year-term on the Water Asset Management Council starting January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024.

Carrie Cox, Chief Engineer, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office  
for a member representing a Water Infrastructure Association for a 3-Year Term: January 1,  
2022 - December 31, 2024

Evan Pratt, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, for a member representing the  
Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners (MACDC) for a 3-Year Term: January 1,  
2022 - December 31, 2024

Cameron Van Wyngarden, Superintendent, Plainfield Charter Township, Kent County, for a  
member representing the Michigan Townships Association for a 3-Year Term: January 1, 2022 -  
December 31, 2024

**Motion** by Dan Fredendall to appoint the three individuals.

**Seconded** by John Daly II.

A roll call vote was held, and the motion was carried without dissent.

Discussion followed by Sue McCormick about plans for future activity for the Water Asset Management Council.

**XI. Portal Access Committee**

Larry Steckelberg updated the Council on the consideration of, and approval for, the portal access request from MISS DIG. Dan Fredendall discussed the efforts to update flowcharts and language for making staff level decisions on portal access. John Weiss noted that 13,000 projects have been loaded in the portal.

**XII. MIC Project Portal Update**

Larry Steckelberg updated the Council on the project for updating the Project Portal. Eric Swanson noted the state was undertaking a major hydrography project that could create new data layers for the Portal. He noted the plans for an office for broadband planning that could also generate information for the Portal.

**XIII. AM Readiness Assessment Scale Update**

Erin Kuhn noted the scale is publicly available with 134 completed across the state. Plans are being made to encourage more assessments by local communities.

**XIV. Utility Service Areas Project Update**

Brian Sheldon from the Public Service Commission updated the Council about the Utility Service Area Mapping Project.

**XV. Standing Reports**

- a. Executive Director Report
  - i. Larry Steckelberg: The contract for the 30-year strategy is moving forward and we are on track to have things in place for the new director. Staffing efforts are moving forward.
- b. Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) Report
  - i. Joanna Johnson: TAMC is completing data collection for 2021. TAMC has been working on data collection plans for 2022 and exploring new ways to collect data. Training is planned for 2022. There are still 8 entities which did not submit asset management plans for October 1 of 2020. For the second round, due October 1 of 2021, only 14 of 41 plans have been submitted. Next year is the 20-year anniversary of the TAMC and the Council will be planning a conference for 2022 to showcase achievements.
- c. Water Asset Management Council (WAMC) Report
  - i. Aaron Keatley discussed conversations the WAMC is having to clarify goals and statutory responsibilities to plan how WAMC can accomplish its goals. A survey has been sent to local systems to gather information to help better understand

what is needed. Executive Directive 2021-9 which was specific to the drinking water program was discussed. Larry Steckelberg discussed Executive Directive 2021-10 which highlights the need for planning assistance and collaboration such as offered by the MIC Project Portal and 2021-11 which provides direction for collaboration by multiple agencies for deploying infrastructure resources.

**XVI. Review of Bylaws**

Dan Fredendall noted that the bylaws were updated last year and there are no current updates planned but suggested that any suggestions be forwarded. Kathleen Lomako and John Weiss discussed a planned review for the committees that have been established.

**XVII. Confirmation of Meeting Schedule for 2022**

The following dates are planned for MIC quarterly meetings for 2022: March 10, June 9, September 8 and December 8.

**Motion** by John Daly II to approve dates for 2022.

**Seconded** by Dave Wresinski.

A roll call vote was held, and the motion was carried without dissent.

**XVIII. Closing Remarks**

Larry Steckelberg: noted that Beverly Watts was in attendance and that she had been appointed as one of the Governor's representatives to the MIC.

Dave Wresinski: recounted his service on the MIC and discussed the achievements of the MIC.

Beverly Watts: introduced herself as the new member of the MIC for 2022.

John Weiss: thanked Dave Wresinski for his work on the MIC. He also thanked Larry Steckelberg for his work as the interim director of the MIC.

John Daly II: recounted his work on infrastructure with the Government of Wales and noted that future generations needed good planning on infrastructure in Michigan.

**XVII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

2022 Q1 Meeting – March 10, 2022

Location: State Treasurer's Board Room, Austin Building  
430 W. Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48909