

**Michigan Infrastructure Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Q4 (Annual) Meeting December 08, 2022**

**Meeting held at  
7285 Parsons Dr, Dimondale, MI 48821 (Treasury Operations Center) and electronically using Zoom**

Meeting held on Thursday, December 08, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. with quorum established.

**1) Welcome/Introductions**

1. Chairperson, John Weiss called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**2) Attendance**

1. Roll call taken and quorum was established.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
John Weiss, Chairperson	X		Everett Root, DTMB	X	
Kathleen Lomako, Vice-Chairperson	X		Jodi Gruner, MDARD	X	
Marco Bruzzano		X	Aaron Keatley, EGLE	X	
John Daly, III	X		Erik Eklund, MDNR	X	
Daniel Fredendall	X		Eric Mullen, MDOT	X	
Jon Kangas	X		Jessica Thomas Treasury		X
Erin Kuhn	X		Charyl Kirkland, MPSC	X	
Palencia Mobley		X	Joanna Johnson, TAMC		X (Virtual)
Beverly Watts	X		Sue McCormick, WAMC	X	

**3) Public Comments**

1. No public comment

**4) Approval of Agenda – December 8, 2022**

1. Motion by John Daly III to approve the draft agenda as presented

Supported by Beverly Watts

Motion carried without dissent.

**5) Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2022**

1. Motion by Daniel Fredendall to approve the minutes as presented for meeting held on September 9, 2022.

Supported by Erin Kuhn

Motion carried without dissent.

**6) Election of Officers**

1. Motion by Kathleen Lomako to elect John Weiss as MIC Chairperson

Support by John Daly III

Motion carried without dissent.

2. Motion by Kathleen Lomako to elect Erin Kuhn as MIC Vice-Chairperson

Support by Beverly Watts

Motion carried without dissent.

#### 7) **Appointment of WAMC Members**

1. Daniel Fredendall presented a summary of the Nominations Committee Meeting of November 28, 2022 and the slate of nominees for the Water Asset Management Council for the term ending December 31, 2025.
2. Motion by Daniel Fredendall for approval of appointment to a 3 Year term ending December 31, 2025, for the following three positions:
  - i) Member with drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater asset management experience - William Bohlen
  - ii) Member representing regions - Jane Fitzpatrick
  - iii) Member from the department - Aaron Keatley

Support by John Daly III

Motion carried without dissent.

3. Daniel Fredendall noted that WAMC has received the resignation of Scott Noesen, Member representing the Michigan Association of Counties, effective January 1, 2023. The Nominations Committee will begin the process of filling that position per P.A. 324 of 2018. It was noted there is currently not a member of WAMC that resides north of Midland County. An effort will be made to find someone to represent the northern area of Michigan when filling the vacancy.

#### 8) **Review of Bylaws**

1. Daniel Fredendall reported that the bylaws were revised at the September 9, 2022, meeting. Since then, staff has indicated that revisions for further clarification of some items should be considered. Daniel recommended that the Bylaw Committee work with staff on an operations process/procedures document while reviewing the bylaws and report out to the MIC at the Q1 meeting in March.

#### 9) **2023 Meeting Schedule**

1. Ryan Laruwe presented proposed calendar dates for the 2023 MIC Meetings and the Treasury Operations Center as the location for MIC Meetings.
2. Motion by Erin Kuhn to set the calendar year schedule and location as presented

Support by John Daly III

Motion carried without dissent.

**10) Approval of the 2023 MIC Workplan and Budget**

1. Presentation by Ryan Laruwe to summarize the workplan and budget that was discussed by a MIC committee in detail on December 8, 2022. Daniel Fredendall requested the financial breakdown of the MIC Budget as presented to the committee to be included with the budget.
2. Motion by Beverly Watts to adopt MIC 2023 Workplan and Budget with detail

Support by Kathleen Lomako

Motion carried without dissent.

**11) AM Champions Program Update**

Erin Kuhn provided a brief update on the Asset Management Champion program which included graduation statistics and a new asset management champion class starting in January 2023.

**12) 30-Year Strategy Program Update**

1. Kathleen Lomako provided a brief update on the 30-Year Strategy which included an upcoming WSP progress report which will be shared with the MIC soon
2. Regional workshops will be held for all asset classes for the first quarter of 2023.

**13) MIC Project Portal Program Update**

1. Ryan Laruwe provided an update on testing and user interface upgrades for the MIC Project Portal users. Staff is considering moving to maintenance mode for this version and exploring options for more dynamic long-term solutions.
2. John Weiss noted frustration with the lack of progress on the portal and concern over the limited number of new users and information sharing on the portal. As a centerpiece of the MIC, John feels there needs to be more energy put into making the Portal a valuable tool for the infrastructure owners to use for collaboration. John suggested expanding the portal committee members to assist with this effort. John requested members to reach out to him if they would like to volunteer to be on the committee. John appointed Beverly Watts as chairperson of the MIC Portal Advisory Committee.
3. There was discussion about the availability of broadband in rural areas. Jodi Gruner will attempt to find out more information on the FCC efforts to map out current coverage/availability and report out to the MIC.

**14) Unfinished Business**

1. Ryan proposed documentation from the meeting held on June 08, 2022, be referenced as notes for the MIC because a quorum was not established.
2. Motion by John Daly III to accept the summary notes from the June 8, 2022 discussion.

Support by Erin Kuhn

Motion carried without dissent.

**15) Honorary Resolutions**

1. John Weiss recognized Jon Kangas for his service on the MIC and noted this will be Jon's last meeting. A letter of appreciation for Jon's service from Governor Whitmer was presented.
2. Motion by John Daly III to present an honorary resolution from the MIC to Jon Kangas and Dave Wresinski

Support by Beverly Watts

Motion carried without dissent.

**16) Standing Reports**

1. Executive Director – Ryan Laruwe reported that MIC staffing will increase by adding an Administrative Assistant prior to the next quarterly meeting.
2. Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) – Joanna Johnson reported that TAMC is reviewing their budget and have updated policies regarding data collection for 2023. Joanna also stated that TAMC will be reviewing their strategic plan with a focus on coordination with the MIC's 30-Year Strategy.
3. Water Asset Management Council (WAMC) – Sue McCormick reported the primary work effort for WAMC during the last quarter of 2022 has been focusing on the annual survey. This effort continues into 2023. Lack of funding for administrative items makes it difficult to achieve WAMC goals.
4. Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) – Charyl Kirkland reported MPSC's ongoing investigation into utility storm response and overall electric reliability problems statewide. Details of this investigation can be found in case number [U-21122](#)

**17) Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

1. John Weiss requested WAMC and TAMC (with respective departments) to meet and discuss funding needs and report back a funding request for staffing and strategy at the next quarterly meeting in March 2023.
2. Joanna reported that TAMC currently has a second bid with MDOT for administrative support and have received three submissions for that role.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39pm

**Next Meeting:**

**Q1 Meeting – March 09, 2023**

1. Time: Commencing at 1:00 pm
2. Location: 7285 Parsons Dr, Dimondale, MI 48821 (Treasury Operations Center) and electronically using Zoom