

**Michigan Infrastructure Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Q2 Meeting June 10, 2021**

**Meeting was held electronically using Microsoft Teams**

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm with a quorum established.
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**I. Welcome/Introductions**

John Weiss, Chairperson, welcomed everyone present.

**II. Attendance**

Roll Call – Amber Hicks

Name	Present	Absent	Location	Name	Present	Absent	Location
John Weiss, Chairperson	X		Grand Rapids, MI	Eric Swanson, DTMB	X		Shiawassee County, MI
Kathleen Lomako, Vice-Chairperson	X Left at 1:50pm		Wayne County, Livonia, MI	Jodi Gruner, MDARD	X		Clinton County, MI
Marco Bruzzano	X		Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor, MI	Aaron Keatley, EGLE	X		Ionia County, MI
John Daly, III	X Joined at 1:16pm		Genessee County, Flint, MI	Sharon Schafer, MDNR	X		Ionia County, MI
Daniel Fredendall	X		Wayne County, MI	Laura Mester, MDOT	X		Clinton County, MI
Jon Kangas	X		Marquette County, Marquette Twp, MI	Joyce Parker, Treasury	X		Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor, MI
Erin Kuhn	X		Muskegon, MI	Ryan Laruwe, MPSC	X		Livingston County, Howell, MI
Palencia Mobley	X		Wayne County, Detroit, MI	Joanna Johnson, TAMC	X		Kalamazoo County, MI
David Wresinski	X		Ingham County, Lansing MI	Sue McCormick, WAMC	X		Wayne County, MI

**Support Staff Present:**

Ninah Sasy, MIC Executive Director  
Amber Hicks, Treasury/MIC  
Lindsey Gonzalez, Treasury

**Public Present:**

Jeff Parker, Consumers Energy  
Kelly Green, EGLE  
Paul McDonald, EGLE

Brian Clark, Khouri, Johnson & Leavitt  
Bradley Sharlow, MDOT

**III. Approval of March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** by Kathleen Lomako to approve the March 11, 2021 meeting minutes

**Seconded** by Marco Bruzzano

The motion was carried without dissent.

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion** by Jon Kangas to approve the agenda

**Seconded** by Palenica Mobley

The motion was carried without dissent.

**V. Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**VI. AM Readiness Data and Metrics**

Jon Kangas provided an update. Participation has been good the previous two quarters. John Weiss thanked EGLE for their support by including the AMRS on the DWAM grant applications. Erin Kuhn also provided an updated that included the fact that 134 communities have submitted the AMRS thus far.

**VII. AM Champion Program**

Erin Kuhn provided an update. The AM Champions has been very well received and has gotten very positive feedback from the participants. There are many people interested in participating in future sessions of the program. John Weiss, Kathleen Lomako, and Joanna Johnson all spoke about how pleased they are with the program and the amount of positive feedback they have received.

**VIII. Portal Access Committee**

Jon Kangas provided an update on behalf of the Portal Access Committee. The Committee drafted a set of Operational Guidelines and an Access Request Form for the MIC Project Portal. It was noted that the presented documents are not meant to be static and will be revised as necessary. Dan Fredendall noted that there will be additional clarifications to the guidelines, including an appeals process. The Committee is slated to have five members; John Weiss will work with Jon Kangas to appoint the five members. (Attachment)

**Motion** by Jon Kangas to accept the Operational Guidelines and Access Request form as presented and post them on the MIC website

**Seconded** by Erin Kuhn

The motion was carried without dissent

**Note:** At this time John Weiss requested that Kathleen Lomako give an update on the letters that she authored to the Governor's Office as well as state and federal legislators. Drafts of the letters were provided to MIC staff and the letter to the Governor's Office has been sent. The letters stress the importance of the work the MIC is doing and the principles of asset management as infrastructure funds are distributed. The letters to the state and federal legislators have not been sent as of this date. Joanna Johnson requested that a copy of the letter to the Governor's Office be shared with TAMC. Erin Kuhn then requested that a copy of the letters also be sent to all MIC members.

**IX. Definitions and Standards Subgroup Update**

John Daly III presented the Council with the glossary of asset management terms developed and agreed upon by the Definitions and Standards Subgroup (Attachment)

**Motion** by John Daly III to accept the glossary of terms as presented and adopt them as the Asset Management Glossary of the Michigan Infrastructure Council

**Seconded** by Palencia Mobley

The motion was carried without dissent

**X. Review of Mission – add “Sustainability”**

John Daly III presented the Council with an amendment to the current MIC mission statement (Attachment)

**Motion** by John Daly III to adopt the new mission as presented

**Seconded** by Dave Wresinski

The motion was carried without dissent

**XI. Utility Service Areas Project Update**

Ryan Laruwe provided an update. The project is making progress and the utilities are beginning to provide their service area data to MPSC following a letter that went out to all utility owners in Michigan requesting their service area data. It is intended that this information will be loaded into the Project Portal. Water organizations will be asked to provide similar service area information to eventually be displayed within the Portal. It is expected that within about a month or so, some initial service territories will be ready to be loaded into the Project Portal.

**XII. State Long Range Transportation Plan**

Bradley Sharlow from MDOT gave a presentation on Michigan Mobility 2045 (Attachment)

**XIII. Standing Reports**

- Executive Director Report
  - Ninah Sasy provided an update. The request for solutions (RFS) for the 30-year strategy should be posted within a month with the goal of a contract being in place by October. There were 8 PPAs and 25 IUAs for the Project Portal signed during the previous quarter.
- Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) Report
  - Joanna Johnson provided an update. The annual report has been released and feedback would be appreciated. TAMC will be attending the July 22 STC meeting to present TAMC’s annual report. Training throughout the state is ongoing. Culvert data collection is underway. TAMC is intending to collect all Federal Aid road data in 2021. TAMC is planning a strategic planning session on August 4. A location and agenda have not been determined. There are still 8 agencies that have yet to submit their 2020 TAMPs.
- Water Asset Management Council (WAMC) Report
  - Sue McCormick provided an update. WAMC is in the process of finalizing their training webinar for WAMPs. Survey Monkey will be used to collect the WAMPs. WAMC’s annual report is still being drafted and it is anticipated it will be complete in the coming months. Staff support and technology continue to be an issue. WAMC bylaws are being reviewed for possible revision. A strategic planning session is being planned. One WAMC member has been called to active military duty and there may be a vacancy on the council that will need to be filled. John Weiss and Dan Fredendall offered their assistance to WAMC with requests for support and funding. Sue would like to explore the option of using MTU for a one-time investment in technology for WAMC. Aaron Keatley noted that WAMC and EGLE should take a closer look at where they overlap in the near future.
- Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Report
  - Ryan Laruwe provided an update. MPSC is looking at 5-year distribution plans for the 3 largest utilities. MPSC is working on integrated resource plans. Renewable energy is becoming more prevalent, especially in rural areas. A lot of Federal dollars are

coming in for broadband. MPSC is working to ensure that the dollars are thoughtfully invested. Investments are being made in electric vehicle infrastructure.

**XIV. Closing Remarks**

John Weiss provided a recap of the work that MIC has accomplished to date: Embarking on 30-year strategy, asset management glossary, AMRS, AM Champions program, MIC Project Portal. John thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

**Next Meeting:**

Q3 Meeting – September 9, 2021

Location: TBD