

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

January 12, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair
Fred Bueter
Sharon Conklin
Walter Heinritzi
Capt. Mike Krumm
Michael Prince

Commissioners Absent

Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair
Dave Goller
Charles Moser
Tom O'Brien
Robert Ramels

Guests

Lawrence Archer
Scott Davis
Bobby Gwizdz
Carol Heinowski
Casey Holverstat
Pat Muinch
Paul Sochinlein
Chuck Simmons
Don Willett
Michelle Zemla

OHSP Staff

Janet Hengesbach Bawol
Charlotte Kilvington
Spencer Simmons
Alicia Sledge

ROLL CALL

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Dan Blower, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the November 2, 2016 minutes was made by and supported by Dr. Dan Blower, supported by Capt. Mike Krumm. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

A. Chairs Report – Dr. Dan Blower

While there is no chair's report today, Dr. Blower reported the research which explains the decline in motor carrier fatalities during the years 2007-2009 by MICMAS is published. Commissioners are to let him know if they would like to discuss this further.

B. Financial Report – Mr. Spencer Simmons - Office of Highway Safety Planning

Mr. Simmons reviewed the most recent financial report through December 31, 2016 including revenue and expenditure projections, UCR and carryforward monies.

C. Education Grant Activity Report - Mr. Chuck Simmons – Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Mr. Simmons reported on their FY 2017 Goals. He also reported that Mr. Al Newell has resigned from the MCTS. Mr. Simmons is now Interim Project Manager. He noted that the simulator is scheduled until April. He also mentioned that they are in good shape with their goals and objectives at this juncture, Eventually, the goals and objectives will be in jeopardy as they are currently running on a skeleton staff.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

None

ACTION ITEM

A.Funding Site Study – Future Skid Pad – Dr. Blower

Two pieces of property have been identified near the State Secondary complex. Mr. Scott Davis from DTMB Real Estate explained to the Commissioners the process to go through to secure the property and noted that neither piece of property is site ready. Water and Sewer are available in these areas. There would be two steps which need to be completed if the Commissioners were to consider this property; 1) evaluation of the sites and, 2) securing an engineer to do site sampling and evaluate the site prep for construction. Once these steps are completed, a cost analysis would be provided. The approximate cost of this action would be up to \$100,000.00.

If the commission were to move forward, Mr. Davis explained there would be Building Occupational Agreement (BOA) developed. DTMB would act as a Management Company and the Commission, through an OHSP grant to a sub recipient, would pay a fee each month for this service. A feasibility and preliminary study would give a better idea of what that monthly fee would be.

Chair Blower asked the question of does the Commission want to invest up to \$100,000.00 to get to a point where they can determine what they want to see for a skid pad i.e. equipment, structures, etc.? The Commission does not have the funding for construction costs to build this project. It would be up to the Commission's Funding Committee for the Michigan Center for Decision Driving/skid pad project to seek out capital either from their partners, industry and/or State legislators.

The question was asked if Mr. Heinritz's office run the skid pad? The Commissioners discussed that it would most likely be placed out for competitive bid. Mr. Heinritz suggested that the Commissioners should not rule out working with the private sector on this project (as opposed to the State). He recently received a random phone call from an oil company willing to partner with the skid pad project and provide use of the land at an unknown cost.

Question was asked, how long would the first step take to complete? Mr. Davis believes this initial portion would take approximately six months to complete. Meanwhile, Dr. Blower and Mr. Heinritz could meet with legislators to see what they could do to assist with the financial end of the project. Dr. Blower would like to go forward with DTMB exploring the property. He also liked the suggestion regarding the correspondence which Mr. Heinritz received from the oil company. He suggested that any others who are knowledgeable about trucking secure funding for this project.

Mr. Prince made a **MOTION** that OHSP prepare a Miscellaneous Operating Project (MOP) with DTMB for up to \$100,000 to move forward with the two initial steps on the two properties identified. Mr. Bueter supported. There was no further discussion. The **MOTION** carries by roll call vote.

Mr. Prince and his office will work with DTMB preparing the initial paperwork.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Blower inquired the status of a replacement project manager for the MCTS? Mr. Heinritz explained

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that for right now, Mr. Chuck Simmons is the interim Project Manager and they hope to have permanent Project Manager hired soon. Captain Krumm reported the next Motor Carrier Recruit School will begin on August 13, 2017.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2017 at the Center for Truck Safety.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.