



Minutes

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
FULL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting held in person at Van Buren Conference Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doroh, Kurt, Chair, Van Buren County Commissioner
Preston, Linda, Secretary, Cass County Representative
Sinclair, Kim, Treasurer, Van Buren County Representative
Catherman, Rick, Van Buren County Representative
Dodd, James, Cass County Representative
Durm-Hiatt, Marge, Berrien County Representative
Fette, Dan, Berrien County Representative
Freehling, Teri Sue, Berrien County Commissioner
Gundersen, Kristen, Alternate Secretary, Berrien County Representative
Hanson, Sandra, Alternate Treasurer, Van Buren County Representative
Marchetti, Roseann, Cass County Commissioner
Pantaleo, Paul, Berrien County Representative
Patterson-Gladney, Gail, Van Buren County Commissioner
Torzynski, Robert, Pokagon Band Representative
Wood, Gary, Berrien County Representative
Wuerfel, Julie, Berrien County Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Curran, Jim, Vice Chair, Berrien County Commissioner
DeLong, Don, Cass County Representative
Engle, Roger, Van Buren County Representative
Leary, Tina, Van Buren County Representative
Multhauf, Katie, Van Buren County Economic Development Ex-Officio
Stauffer, Dick, Berrien County Representative
Tyler, Doug, Cass County Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kurt Doroh called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Office Manager, Maria Vettraino took roll call, and a quorum was present.

2. ACCEPTANCE AND/OR REVISION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Doroh presented the Consent Agenda. Kim Sinclair moved to **“ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.”** Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Egelhaaf presented the Executive Director’s Report and opened the floor for questions and comments.

Gary Wood spoke on Marquette Greenway and the Groundbreaking that took place on April 13th.

Dan Fette shared updates on Materials Management, including how the three counties will work together and help front funding for SWMPC.

Teri Sue Freehling complimented on our new logo for the commission. She also inquired about our search for a new audit firm. The Board offered a couple of firms to reach out to: Gabridge & Co. and Lauterbach & Amen, LLC.

Director Egelhaaf shared updates on Broadband regarding coverage, buildout, and funding.

Rick Catherman moved to **“ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.”** Roseann Marchetti seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. 2024 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

Gary Wood moved to **“APPROVE 2024 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM.”** Gail Patterson-Gladney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. PLANNER PRESENTATION

A GIS Mapping Gallery

GIS Specialist, Jill Plescher, presented the Open GIS Data and Online Map Gallery located on our new website. Plescher showed multiple maps and data that are available online, including maps created for Master Plans, Grants, Hazard Mitigation Plans, and Watershed mapping.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chair Doroh explained Market Van Buren has rebranded and is now called Market One.

Dan Fette updated the Board on the urbanized area.

Director Egelhaaf reminded the Board to fill out the profile and per diem forms if they have not yet done so.

Gail Patterson-Gladney shared event flyers: Cheers for Children and Crime Victim Rights Week Resource Fair.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Gail Patterson-Gladney moved to adjourn the meeting. James Dodd supported the motion. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



K. John Egelhaaf, AICP

Date: April 16, 2024