

REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE 14 MEETING

WMSRDC Conference Room
316 Morris Ave, Suite 340
Muskegon, MI 49440

MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Timmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Mark Timmer, Oceana County Road Commission (Chairperson)
Lisa Nagel, Oceana County Council on Aging
Steven Wessels, Mason County Road Commission
Casey Jurnberg, City of Grant
Howard Perry, Yates Township Dial a Ride
Michael Valverde, MDOT OPT
Derek Wawsczyk, Newaygo County Road Commission (Vice Chairperson)
Brad Hinken, Newaygo County Commission on Aging
Paul Keson, Ludington Area Mass Transit
Paul Bouman, Muskegon County Road Commission
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Theresa Lamb, Village of Baldwin
LeRoy Williams, Lake County Road Commission

B. Members Not Present

Jimmy Newkirk, City of Scottville
Geoff Nelson, Village of Ravenna
Chris Brown, Village of Pentwater
Jim Koens, MATS (excused)

C. Others Present

Eric Nelson, Mason County Road Commission
Todd Blake, City of Fremont
Lee Hyslop, Crystal Twp Supervisor
Brian Stark, MDOT

D. Staff Present

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Stephen Carlson, WMSRDC
Robert Johnson, WMSRDC

A quorum was present.

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No member of the public spoke.
- IV. **REVIEW OF MINUTES** – Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting. A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes. Motion approved. **m/s Keson/Bouman**
- V. **GUEST SPEAKER** – Mr. Lee Shirey of the US Dept of Commerce spoke about potential funding of road project through the EDA.
- VI. **FY2023-FY2026 PROJECT AMENDMENTS**

The following projects were discussed. A motion was made to approve the project. Motion approved.
m/s Wawsczyk/Bouman

Mason County

FY2024

- MCRC, DELETE Custer Road project.
- MCRC, NEW PROJECT, Chip Seal, Fountain from Stiles to West limits of the Village of Fountain, \$300,000 STP, \$75,000 State match, \$375,000 Total.
- MCRC, NEW PROJECT, Chip Seal, Fountain from Stiles to Townline, \$323,800 STP, \$86,200 State match, \$410,000 Total.
- Sale of FY2024 Fed Aid funding to Oakland County

Lake County

FY2024

- LCRC, ADD Old M-63, \$133,725 STP, \$41,275 State match, \$175,000 Total.

Oceana County

FY2024

- OCRC, COST Madison Rd – 126th to 144th, \$769,535 STP, \$192,384 State match, \$96,919 Total.

Newaygo County

FY2024

- NCRC, CHANGE Hardy Dam project to FY2026.
- NCRC, ADD Chip seal various routes, \$1,084,301 STP, \$271,075 local match, \$1,335,376 Total.

Muskegon County

- No Changes

- VII. **MDOT UPDATE** – Mr. Brian Stark gave an overview of the Federal Aid buyout and the State D direct grant programs. Mr. Tyler Kent spoke about the MDOT 5-year plan.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick mentioned the Muskegon/northern Ottawa MPO Safety Plan and noted there may be an opportunity to do a rural one in the future.
- IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No unfinished business was discussed.
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – An opportunity was provided to allow members of the public to comment. No members of the public spoke.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Timmer at 10:40 a.m.