

REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE 14 MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2021

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Timmer called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present

Mark Timmer, Oceana County Road Commission (Chairperson)
Derek Wawczyk, Newaygo County Road Commission (Vice Chairperson)
Paul Bouman, Muskegon County Road Commission
Joseph Fox, Newaygo County Commission on Aging
Mary Samuels, Mason County Road Commission
Jim Koens, MATS
Paul Keson, Ludington Area Mass Transit
Yvonne Ridge, City of White Cloud
Chris Brown, Village of Pentwater
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region
Theresa Lamb, Village of Baldwin

B. Members Not Present

Kathleen Premer, Oceana County Council on Aging (excused)
Geoff Nelson, Village of Ravenna
Vedra Gant, Yates Township Dial a Ride
Kathy Shafer, City of Scottville
LeRoy Williams, Lake County Road Commission

C. Others Present

Eric Nelson, Mason County Road Commission (Conference Line)
Heather Bowden, MDOT –OPT (Conference Line)
Julie Burrell, Newaygo County Right Place
Brady Selner, Village of Shelby
Amy Stockwell,

D. Staff Present

Joel Fitzpatrick, WMSRDC
Erin Kuhn, Executive Director WMSRDC

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – No member of the public spoke.

IV. **PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick gave an overview of the proposed changes to the bylaws. Although the existing legislation expires on April 1st, there is legislation underway that could allow it indefinitely. Also, there are several local units of government that are under states of emergency and this would align the RTF bylaws to allow them to meet virtually. After discussions with the chair, it was suggested that the phrase, “when consistent with the State of Michigan Public Meetings Act” should be added.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed changes to the bylaws. A roll call vote was held.

Mark Timmer, Oceana County Road Commission **Yes**
Derek Wawczyk, Newaygo County Road Commission **Yes**
Paul Bouman, Muskegon County Road Commission **Yes**
Joseph Fox, Newaygo County Commission on Aging **Yes**
Mary Samuels, Mason County Road Commission **Yes**
Paul Keson, Ludington Area Mass Transit **Yes**
Yvonne Ridge, City of White Cloud **Yes**
Chris Brown, Village of Pentwater **Yes**
Tyler Kent, MDOT Grand Region **Yes**
Theresa Lamb, Village of Baldwin **Yes**
Jim Koens, MATS **No**

Motion carried. **m/s Fox/Brown**

- V. **NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Joel Fitzpatrick mentioned that he would be setting up a full task force meeting soon.
- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No unfinished business was discussed.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – An opportunity was provided to allow members of the public to comment. No members of the public spoke.
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Timmer at 11:12 a.m.