

GLS REGION V PDC
Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, in a Zoom Conference Call meeting due to Coronavirus concerns.

Chairperson VanHaften called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Roll Call

Present: Ed Benning (Davison-Genesee County), Alan Himelhoch (Grand Blanc-Genesee County), Derek Bradshaw (City of Flint-Genesee County), Jeffrey Kelley (Swartz Creek-Genesee County), and Richard Van Haften (Lapeer-Lapeer County).

Absent: Cody Baker, Mike Hemmingsen, Cathy Lane, Daniel McMaster, Shawnice Dorsey, and Robert Johnson.

Others Present: Jason Nordberg (Goodrich-Genesee County), Sharon Gregory (Mayville-Tuscola County), and Debby Compton (Birch Run-Saginaw County).

B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Regular Meeting held November 24, 2020

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Alan Himelhoch, **Supported by** Ed Benning, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020, regular meeting with the change under "Announcements" to you can "listen" not "see" the podcasts on their website at MTAflint.org.

Motion carried unanimously
(Documents on file in the GCMPC office)

C. Approval of the Agenda of GLS Region V PDC Meeting to be held January 26, 2021

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Alan Himelhoch, **Supported by** Ed Benning, to approve the agenda of the GLS Region V PDC meeting to be held January 26, 2021, with the addition of item A, under "Communications" Metamora Township: Master Plan Update and Public Hearing.

Motion carried unanimously
(Documents on file with minutes)

D. Opportunity for the Public to Address the GLS Region V PDC

Jason Nordberg introduced Sharon Gregory to the Commission and stated that she would be taking over his role on the Commission.

E. Communications

A. Metamora Township: Master Plan Update and Public Hearing

Sharon Gregory advised the Commission that Metamora Township is in the process of making changes to their Master Plan as well as having a Public Hearing on March 10th at their Township Hall. No further action is required.

(Document on file with minutes)

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Report

1. Report

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the financial report ending December 31, 2020.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Kelley, **Supported by** Alan Himelhoch, to approve the budget sheets as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

(Documents on file with minutes)

2. Checks

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the checks in the amount of \$49,294.53.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ed Benning, **Supported by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve the checks in the amount of \$49,294.53 and authorize the signing by the proper authorities.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Document on file with minutes)

B. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Adjustments

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Adjustments as follows.

- Increase Consultants by \$809.26 to match actual Region 6 amount at the end of fiscal year ending 2020.
- Increase Revenue by \$809.26 for Region 6 actual.
- Increase Consultants by \$5,443.32 for extension of Asset Management Contract.
- Increase Revenue by \$5,443.32 for Asset Management extension.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Alan Himelhoch, **Supported by** Jeffrey Kelley, to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Adjustments as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Document on file with minutes)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Genesee and Lapeer Counties Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Sharon Gregory stated that staff is finishing up the data that was needed for the Genesee and Lapeer Hazard Mitigation Plans. Staff is working with the Genesee and Lapeer County Hazard Mitigation Committees on ranking the hazards. Those rankings will provide a prioritized list of hazards that will be incorporated in the Hazard Mitigation Plans. There is also a current public involvement piece with two

surveys. One survey is for the public and one for the local units of government so staff can get a better idea of what the local units feel about those hazard mitigations in their area. Staff held a successful virtual open house today with about 15 people in attendance.

B. 2021 MI Transportation Asset Management Council PASER Training

Sharon Gregory advised that the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council has announced their annual PASER Program training dates and times. This year's training will take place virtually over three days, two hours each day. This year staff will be working in two-person teams instead of three-person teams to survey the federal-aid roads within the Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee Counties. Any questions on the PASER program can be directed to Jacob Maurer of the GCMPC office.

C. GLS Region V Rural Task Force Call for Projects

Sharon Gregory stated that this is just an early heads-up to everyone about the Rural Task Force Call for Projects. The call letters usually go out around October with applications due in January. Lapeer County typically receives around \$900,000 in federal funds and Shiawassee County typically receives around \$700,000. This call will be for road and capitol transit projects. Small cities and villages will be eligible to receive funding again in 2027. Any questions can be directed to Sharon Gregory.

D. Infrastructure Asset Management Update

Sharon Gregory advised that staff has been reaching out to the public asset owners asking them to complete the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC) Asset Management Readiness Assessment Scale and submit the data to staff. Staff was able to send MIC data from 30% of the water infrastructure asset owners in the three-county region which surpasses the 25% goal set by the State of Michigan for each region. Each agency that submitted the data received a \$1,000 grant from the Regional Prosperity Initiative (Region 6) fund. A list of both agencies that have submitted the data and those that have yet to submit data was shared with the Commission. Staff will be collecting this data throughout 2021. Discussion ensued.

E. MAR Update

Derek Bradshaw advised that the Michigan Association of Regions (MAR) has just completed their strategic plan and from that plan MAR is looking to focus in on a few target areas. One area focuses on how we can do a better job going after and doing education in recycling, solid waste management, and material management. A group was put together to address that area. The State has some extra money but not enough staff, so MAR is looking to help supplement the state to provide the staff to them. The other area MAR is exploring is the technical and training side, to leverage our staff and expertise to help other regions. A contact list is being put together of staff and their expertise so staff in other regions have someone they can reach out to. Discussion ensued regarding the hiring of a MAR Executive Director.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derek Bradshaw announced that staff person Zachary Sompels left for Manistee County in early December and once he got there he reached out to Katie Mehl, another staff member, and she left for the same county. GCMPC is looking for two staff people. An offer has been made to replace one staff person; our office is just waiting for the background check.

Chairperson VanHaaften announced the next meeting will be held on March 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson VanHaaften welcomed Sharon Gregory to the Commission.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Alan Himelhoch, **Supported by** Ed Benning, to approve the adjournment of this meeting.

Chairperson VanHaaften adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Compton, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission