

GENESEE-LAPEER-SHIAWASSEE REGION V PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Region V Planning and Development Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, on the third floor, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

Chairperson Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

A. Roll Call

Present: William Hamilton, Gregory Brodeur, Derek Bradshaw, Ed Benning, Shawnice Dorsey, Richard Van Haaften, and Michael Hemmingsen.

Absent/Excused: Alan Himelhoch, Jeffrey Kelley, Joe Massey, Gabriel Lossing, and Destain Gingell.

Others Present: Jacob Maurer, Kristofor Garris, and Theresa LeFavour.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the GLS Region V PDC Regular Meeting held September 24, 2024

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Ed Benning, **Supported by** Richard Van Haaften, to approve the minutes of the GLS Region V PDC regular meeting held September 24, 2024 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Documents on file in the GCMPC office)

C. Approval of the Agenda of GLS Region V PDC Meeting to be held November 26, 2024

Motion: Action: Motion to approve the agenda. **Moved by** Shawnice Dorsey, **Supported by** Michael Hemmingsen, to approve the agenda of the GLS Region V PDC meeting to be held November 26, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

No one spoke at this time.

E. Communications

1. Genesee County Master Plan Notice of Intent

Mr. Jacob Maurer stated that staff received communication from the Planning Commission that staff and the Planning Commission are beginning the newest edition of the Genesee County Master Plan. Steps will be taken to follow the State of Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008. The steering committee has started, and additional public input open houses will take place in the spring. The Planning Commission will be looking for cooperation and participation from the committee.

A survey is currently available to provide feedback regarding the Plan and will close on January 6th, 2025.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Report

Mr. Derek Bradshaw announced there is no financial report. Our year end closeout is in the process of being completed and will be presented at the January 28, 2025, meeting.

1. Checks

A check disbursement voucher is provided in the agenda packet. Included are per diems for Region V members and miscellaneous expenses for a regional housing summit held by staff.

Motion: Action: Approve the payment of the checks. **Moved by** Richard Van Haften, **Supported by** Ed Benning, to approve the checks in the amount of \$15,282.90.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

B. 2025 Meeting Dates

Mr. Kris Garris went over the 2025 meeting dates which are typically at 6 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every other month.

Motion: Action: Approve the 2025 meeting dates. **Moved by** Shawnice Dorsey, **Supported by** Gregory Brodeur, to approve the 2025 meeting dates.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. MAR Update

Mr. Maurer stated that the main topic with the Michigan Associated Regions (MAR) continues to be the Material Management Plan (MMP). Limited communication has been received from the Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy – State of Michigan (EGLE). Genesee County has started a draft work plan even though EGLE has not provided a template. EGLE has provided little guidance and has not provided funding to compensate putting the plans together. Discussion ensued.

B. Regional Housing Update

Mr. Garris stated that the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has developed the Michigan Statewide Housing Plan to address housing needs across the state. The GLS Region V falls into Housing Region H which includes Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties. As of August 2024, Region H received \$2.7 million in funds from MSHDA contributing to a total investment of over \$3.8 million. Projects include a roofing program, housing rehabilitation, and downtown public amenity development in Genesee County;

two new housing units and two downtown public amenity projects in Shiawassee County; and downtown public amenity projects in Lapeer and Tuscola Counties.

Staff held a one-year update meeting for the Regional Housing Partnership in August to discuss the progress that has been made and strategies outlined in the action plan.

Mr. Garris announced that Great Lakes Housing Services was created by MSHDA to assist with technical support. The steering committee will reconvene in January 2025.

Mr. Brodeur inquired what tech support is. Derek responded with an explanation that tech support will help communities with where to start, how to apply, and help communities through the process.

Discussion ensued

C. FY 2026-2029 Rural Task Force (RTF) Program Call for Projects Update

Mr. Maurer stated the Rural Task Force (RTF) Program Call for Projects is currently open October 22 through December 2, 2024. New this year staff has an online survey. Staff has only received four applications from three total agencies. Lapeer County has a CMAQ Call for Projects which is about \$125,000 per year. There is \$1.4 million state and federal funding available for the regular RTF program. Shiawassee County has about \$1 million per year in state and federal funding but no CMAQ. In this cycle, cities and villages are guaranteed 90% of the funding for the year 2027. This happens once every nine years.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Benning announced that MTA received about \$14 million in funding and the local MTA will receive about \$1.2 million to expand their station to accommodate a 40' bus.

Mr. Benning suggested that the committee watch a SORS package that has been circulating the legislature for roads.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa LeFavour
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission