



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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Members Present: Michael Aspacher, Gordon Bowman, Laurie Brodie, Scott Carpenter, Carol Contrada, Keith Earley, Thomas Mackin, Edward Snyder, Sandy Spang, Mark Stahl, Craig Stough; **Member(s) Excused:** Doris Herringshaw, David Kissinger, Robert Mack, Patrick McColley, Kay Reiter, Angie Ruiz; **Guest:** Aaron Behrman, ODOT; **Staff Present:** Jennifer Allen, William Best, Tim Brown, David Gedeon, Kari Gerwin, Mary Pat McCarthy, Gilda Mitchell, Mike Tippet

A regular meeting of the TMACOG Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, located at 300 Martin L. King Jr. Dr., Suite 300 in Toledo.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome/Introductions – Vice Chair Mark Stahl chaired the meeting for Chair Doris Herringshaw was unable to attend the meeting due to a schedule conflict. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – A *motion* was made by Edward Snyder and *seconded* by Thomas Mackin to approve minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting; the motion passed.

Chair's Remarks – Vice Chair Mark Stahl reviewed the list of upcoming TMACOG events that were listed on the agenda. He encouraged the group to attend the October 9th TMACOG Tech: Tools and Rules II – Legal Components for Managing Meeting. Stahl reported on the September 9th Blanchard River Demonstration Farms tour, which was attended by TMACOG leadership, Water Quality Council members, and staff.

Craig Stough gave an update on the regional water discussion. The eight suburban communities that share the city's water have reached a tentative, 40-year agreement with the Toledo. Stough pointed out that the main point of the negotiations from the suburban communities was the wholesale rate, which will be now set by a formula. The proposed contract has been taken back to each community for review and action. Toledo City Council, Lucas County, and South County Water System have approved the agreement. The Toledo water plant will be ran by professional operators and engineers and overseen by a water commission consisting of utility and service directors from each community that signs the agreement. TMACOG was thanked for providing a platform for the water discussion. Mayor Stough was thanked for his role in leading the water discussion.

President's Report – Tim Brown updated the group on meetings and conferences that he recently attended in the region, including the Ohio Conference on Freight. He announced that the Canadian Consulate General in Detroit has accepted an invitation from TMACOG to give an update on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. The Consul General will present at the April 15th Board of Trustees meeting. All TMACOG members will be invited to attend the presentation.

With regard to the regional water discussion, at the last meeting a motion was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee for TMACOG to submit a letter to the affected communities commending them for their efforts in addressing regional water issues. Mr. Brown noted that after consulting with TMACOG Chair Doris Herringshaw and Mayor Stough, he determined that it would not be in the best interest of TMACOG to move forward with a letter at this time as it could be misconstrued as the agency's endorsement of the proposed water agreement. Committee members concurred with Mr. Brown's decision, citing that it is premature to submit the letter at this time.

Public Comment Period – Carol Contrada thanked Mr. Brown for coordinating the Canadian Consulate General's visit to update TMACOG members on the Gordie Howe International bridge project. This project will have a major impact on the region's economy.

Programmatic Council Reports

Transportation Council – Council Chair Keith Earley and TMACOG Vice President of Transportation David Gedeon presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. A *motion* was made by Mr. Earley and *seconded* by Carol Contrada to approve *Resolution No. 2019-16, Approving the FY 2019 Annual Work Program Completion Report*; the motion passed unanimously.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Earley and *seconded* by Craig Stough to approve *Resolution No. 2019-17, Approving Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Scoring and Ranking*, and to recommend its adoption by the Board of Trustees; the motion passed unanimously.

A *motion* was made by Mr. Earley and *seconded* by Mr. Stough to approve *Resolution No. 2019-18, Approving the Scoring and Committee Members Ranking of the FY 2020 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Solicitation*, and to recommend its adoption by the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Quality Council – Council Chair Carol Contrada and TMACOG Director of Water Quality Planning Kari Gerwin presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Administrative Committee Reports

Finance, Audit, and Administration Committee – Committee Chair Thomas Mackin presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. A *motion* was made by Mr. Mackin and *seconded* by Carol Contrada to approve *Resolution No. 2019-19, Amending the TMACOG Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Budget and Membership Fee Schedule*, and to recommend its adoption by the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Committee – TMACOG Director of Membership and Outreach Gilda Mitchell presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Communications Committee – Committee Chair Scott Carpenter presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Leadership Development Committee – Vice Chair Stahl presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet.

A *motion* was made by Carol Contrada and *seconded* by Thomas Mackin to accept all council and committee reports; the motion passed unanimously.

Any and All Other Business – Mr. Brown encouraged everyone to share news of relevance to their respective communities. Sandy Spang announced that Toledo City Council had voted unanimously to officially change the name of Toledo Express Airport to the Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport. Mr. Kranz is a Toledo native who served as flight director for the Apollo 11 moon landing mission. The Federal Aviation Administration will need to authorize the name change. The call code/letters for the airport will remain the same.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next regularly scheduled committee meeting will take place on November 20th at 2 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom. A *motion* was made by Carol Contrada and *seconded* by Thomas Mackin at 3:08 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed.

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