



## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, October 17, 2018

*Submitted on December 12, 2018*

**Trustees and Alternates Present:** Edgar Avila, James Bagdonas, Tina Bradley, Colby Carroll, Matthew Damschroder, James Gee, Kenneth Gilsdorf, Doris Herringshaw, Cindy Hurst, Michael Jay, Cheryl Johnson, David Kissinger, Paul Knollman, Royce Maniko, Dennis McMickens, Scott Noonan, Neil Munger, John Musteric, Karen Poore, Jeffrey Rae, Kay Reiter, Angie Ruiz, Laura Saunders-Kowalec, Mark Stahl, Craig Stough, Roberta Streiffert; **Guest(s):** Jon Eckel, Water Quality Council, Michael Gramza, ODOT District 2; **TMACOG Staff:** Tim Brown, William Best, David Gedeon, Kari Gerwin, Austin Mack, Gilda Mitchell, Nate Reiter, Jennifer Allen

A regular meeting of the TMACOG Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 2 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, located at 300 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive in Toledo, Ohio.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Doris Herringshaw called the meeting to order, noting a quorum was present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes** – A *motion* was made by Royce Maniko and *seconded* by Dennis McMickens to approve minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting; the motion passed.

**Chair's Remarks** – Chair Herringshaw announced that TMACOG's annual call to members to serve on councils and committees will be made in early-November. Included in the agenda packet was a nomination form for those interested in serving on the board next year. Those interested were instructed to complete and return the form after the meeting. Herringshaw reminded the group of upcoming TMACOG events, which were listed on the agenda.

**President's Report** – Tim Brown reported on the October 10<sup>th</sup> TMACOG Tech: *Tools and Rules for Managing Meetings*. TMACOG is considering hosting another session in 2019. He also briefly reported on the National Association of Regional Council (NARC) Executive Directors Conference that was held in Cleveland and on his recent speaking engagements. Lastly, Election Day is right around the corner and will affect several elected officials from TMACOG member counties. Letters will be mailed to elected officials impacted by the elections after the results have been certified. Board members were asked to invite new, elected officials from their communities to the General Assembly as well as other TMACOG meetings and events.

Sylvania Mayor Craig Stough gave an update on the regional water discussion. The City of Toledo has withdrawn from a regional water authority, and is instead proposing a regional water commission consisting of utility directors from each member community. The commission would have the authority to propose water rates and capital improvement projects. The City submitted contract proposals to its current member communities. Several communities are pursuing other water sources.

**Public Comment Period** – There were no representatives from the public present for comments.

**Transportation Council** – TMACOG Vice President of Transportation David Gedeon presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. Austin Mack, TMACOG's public administration associate presented information on the Gohio Commute Program, a trip planning service that help individuals explore commuter options. For more information about this program logon to [www.tmacog.org](http://www.tmacog.org).

A ***motion*** was made by David Kissinger and ***seconded*** by Kenneth Gilsdorf to approve *Resolution No. 2018-19, Approving and Adopting the Transportation Council Operating Procedures*; the motion passed unanimously. A ***motion*** was made by Angie Ruiz and ***seconded*** by Paul Knollman to approve *Resolution No. 2018-22, Approving FY 2019 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Scoring and Ranking*. Karen Poore opposed the resolution. The motion passed.

**Water Quality Council** – Council Vice Chair Jon Eckel and TMACOG Director of Water Quality Planning Kari Gerwin presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet.

**Finance, Audit, and Administration (FAA) Committee Report** – TMACOG Vice President of Finance and Administration William Best presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. A ***motion*** was made by Angie Ruiz and ***seconded*** by Tina Bradley to approve *Resolution 2018-24, Amending the TMACOG FY 2019 Annual Budget and Membership Fee Schedule*; the motion passed unanimously.

**Membership Committee Report** – Committee Chair Kenneth Gilsdorf presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. A ***motion*** was made by Royce Maniko and ***seconded*** by Craig Stough to approve *Resolution 2018-08, Amending the Approving and Adopting the Membership Committee Operating Procedures*; the motion passed unanimously.

**Any and All Other Business** – Royce Maniko suggested TMACOG staff research and consider hosting a workshop on drones, how they are used, damage assessments, and their impact on communities. He briefly reported on a workshop he attended on drones and explained that this technology is moving fast and is impacting communities. Maniko also reported on Michigan’s efforts to determine the economic impact smart technology and autonomous vehicles, rebranding of the I-75 Corridor, and the Gordie Howe International Bridge. He recommended TMACOG take a look at these initiatives and determine their impact in Northwest Ohio, and consider partnering with SEMCOG on them.

Mike Jay, director of strategic networks at Regional Growth Partnership, acknowledge having attended several presentations on the Gordie Howe International Bridge in Monroe, Michigan. He asked board members if they were aware of an organization spearheading a discussion about the bridge’s impact in Northwest Ohio. No one present at the meeting was aware of such an organization. Jay suggested the TMACOG’s 2045 Plan Task Force serve as a platform to discuss the economic development impact of the Gordie Howe International Bridge in Northwest Ohio.

Paul Knollman, dean of the business division at Monroe County Community College, reported the college will officially announce its partnership with the University of Michigan on a 2plus2 program in supply chain management and logistics on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Trained workers could obtain an associate degree at MCCC and enter the workforce or transfer to The U of M for a bachelor’s degree.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next regularly scheduled board meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom. A ***motion*** was made by David Kissinger and ***seconded*** by Dennis McMickens to adjourn the meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

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