



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Submitted on April 20, 2022

Members Present: Jon Eckel, Rosanna Hoelzle, Thomas Mackin, Patrick McColley, Rachel Phipps, Michael Pniewski, Theresa Pollick, Angie Ruiz, Joseph Shaw, Edward Snyder, Mark Stahl; **Member(s) Excused:** Michael Aspacher, Doris Herringshaw, Robert Mack, Edward Schimmel, Craig Stough; **Staff Present:** Jennifer Allen, Alex Aspacher, William Best, Tim Brown, David Gedeon, Kari Gerwin, Nate Reiter, Mike Tippet

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome – A regular meeting of the TMACOG Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Grand Lobby of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza in Toledo, Ohio. TMACOG Chair Mark Stahl called the meeting to order after a quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Minutes – Under Any and All Other Business, Edward Snyder noted that the reference to the Wabash Cannon Trail should read Northwestern Ohio, not Northwest Ohio. A **motion** was made by Edward Snyder and **seconded** by Angie Ruiz to approve minutes as amended from the November 17, 2021, meeting. Rosanna Hoelzle, Tom Mackin, and Joe Shaw who were not present at the November 17 meeting abstained. The motion passed.

Chair's Remarks – Chair Mark Stahl welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. He encouraged everyone to register for the April 25 TMACOG General Assembly. Other upcoming events were listed on the back page of the meeting agenda.

President's Report – President Tim Brown announced that TMACOG's leadership is researching and evaluating the possibility of expanding the COG's role as an economic development district. An update will be provided to the committee by the end of the first quarter of the year.

A copy of TMACOG's 2021 Annual Report was distributed at the meeting. The Communications Department was recognized for their work on the report.

President Brown gave an update on HB 43 and HB 51. HB 43, which is still in Committee, would grant permanent permissive authority to units of governments that are multi-jurisdictional to conduct meetings via teleconference. An amended version of HB 51 passed the House and Senate, which will give local units of governments temporary authority to conduct meetings via teleconference through the end of June. Once the Governor signs the bill, TMACOG will utilize the authority when necessary for its committee meetings. Feedback was sought from committee members regarding their preference to meet in person or virtually. It was noted that in person meetings allow interactions, networking, and engaged discussions. It was also noted that although there are times when it's necessary to meet in person, particularly when there are critical items on the meeting agenda, there are times when a meeting can be held more efficiently via teleconference.

President Brown announced that Ohio Department Agriculture Director Dorothy Pelanda has been invited to speak at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting. The Director will give an update on the H2Ohio program. Committee members were welcomed to attend the meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. in the Grand Lobby of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza.

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

Programmatic Councils Reports

Transportation Council – Council Chair Joe Shaw and TMACOG V.P. of Transportation David Gedeon, presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Pniewski and ***seconded*** by Tom Mackin to approve *Resolution No. 2022-01, Making Amendment #11 to the Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program*. The motion passed unanimously.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Pniewski and ***seconded*** by Mr. Snyder to approve *Resolution No. 2022-02, Amending the Transportation Council Operating Procedures*, and to recommend it for adoption by the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Pniewski and ***seconded*** by Mr. Snyder to approve the draft letter of support from TMACOG for House Bill 283, which would amend the Ohio Revised Code to expand the texting while driving prohibition to a general prohibition against using any electronic wireless communications device (EWCD) while driving. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Quality Council – Council Chair Jon Eckel and TMACOG Vice President of Water Quality Planning Kari Gerwin presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Gerwin presented a request for intergovernmental review from Metroparks Toledo for their grant application to the ODNR Coastal Management Assistance Program. The grant is for Metroparks's Glass City Riverwalk Planning project. A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Eckel and ***seconded*** by Mr. Pniewski confirming that this project is in compliance with local planning, does not conflict with any other local projects, and meets the goals of the region. The motion passed unanimously. An approval of an Intergovernmental Review does not imply project endorsement.

Tom Mackin excused himself for another meeting.

Administrative Committees Reports

Finance, Audit, and Administration Committee – Committee Chair Rosanna Hoelzle presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Membership Committee – Committee Chair Ed Schimmel was unable to attend the meeting. The Membership Committee report was included in the agenda for the committee's reference.

Communications Committee – Committee Chair Theresa Pollick presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet.

Leadership Development Committee – Chair Stahl presented the report, which was included in the agenda packet. A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Snyder and ***seconded*** by Mr. Pniewski to approve *Resolution No. 2022-03, Amending the Employment Contract of TMACOG President Tim W. Brown*. The motion passed unanimously.

A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Pniewski and ***seconded*** by Mr. Snyder to accept all council and committee reports; the motion passed unanimously.

Any and All Other Business – Chair Stahl received birthday wishes from committee members.

Mr. Snyder announced that Train Day will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Grand Lobby of Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza. Admission and parking for the event is free.

President Brown encouraged committee members to invite new elected officials from their jurisdictions to participate in the Access TMACOG: Resources for Members orientation on February 23 as well as attend the General Assembly on April 25. Details regarding both events are listed on the agenda under TMACOG Upcoming Events.

Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting will take place on April 20 at 10 a.m. A ***motion*** was made by Mr. Pniewski and ***seconded*** by Mr. Snyder to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark W. Stahl, Chair
Toledo Metropolitan Area
Council of Governments (TMACOG)

Tim W. Brown, President
Toledo Metropolitan Area
Council of Governments (TMACOG)