



Michigan Wetland Board for Local Transportation Agencies

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AGENDA

Michigan Wetland Board Meeting

January 17, 2023

Attendees: Holly Vickers, Steve Puuri (CRA), Hanna Christensen (CRA, Zoom), Brad Knight, Rob Laitinen, Mike O'Malley (MDOT), Jim Watling (EGLE), Jeff Silagy, Angela Kline

Called to order at 1:00

1. Motion to approve agenda

- a. Kline motion to remove 5b from agenda – Laitinen approved, motion passed
- b. Kline made motion, Laitinen supported, motion approved

2. Approval of October 18 2022, meeting minutes (attached).

- a. Laitinen made motion Knight supported, motion approved

3. Manager's Report (separate attachment from agenda that provides specific details and discussed with group)

a. Updates

- a.*** 2022 Legislative Report complete and attached in meeting packet
- b.*** Kalkaska Bank Search – site found
- c.*** Oakland county bank search and mitigation bank update
- d.*** Chippewa and Mackinac CRC bank credit purchases from private bank, reimbursing county's for purchasing them
- e.*** Keweenaw Bete Gris #2 and Tobacco #2 completed with CE's and SA's recorded w/ EGLE. Projects are closed
- f.*** Flint River Watershed – looking for road commission to sponsor purchase of wetland credits from this private bank

b. Ongoing – see screenshot below

ONGOING:

- 1. Road Commission for Kalamazoo County bank search: continuing to meet with me to narrow down a watershed to focus finding a suitable bank site.
- 2. Coordinating road commission(s) to sponsor the purchase of private mitigation bank credits in the thumb area. Availability in the Cass, Flint, and Black River (Port Huron) Watersheds.

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3. Planning to connect with the MMWA program again this spring to review status of EGLE approval for credits MiWB purchased at various sites in lower Michigan.
4. Continuing to work with EGLE to review an older existing habitat assessment of a large dune/swale complex in St. Clair County for preservation mitigation credits.
5. Following up with Chippewa County Road Commission to final the survey needed to close the Neebish Island site with EGLE. Returning remaining funds obligated to MiWB fund balance.
6. Continuing to attend the council meetings.
7. Still working on the updates to our website, including map development. Hope to have it completed before our next meeting.

c. Premitigation credits availability and maps were provided in the meeting packet and discussed by H. Vickers

d. Banking credits availability and maps were provided in the meeting packet and discussed by H. Vickers

e. 2023 Legislative Report Completed – discussed in Managers Report

- a.*** If anyone would like to receive a PDF copy separate from meeting packet email Holly.

4. Financial Report

- a. H. Christensen at CRA provided updated screenshot of financials as of January 11th 2023 that were emailed to the group prior to the meeting by S. Eva at CRA. It included a summary outlook, activity thus far in 22/23 (Vickers to confirm), and project statuses

Michigan Wetland Board FY 2022 - 2023 Accounting Analysis

SUMMARY

Sept. 30, 2022 Ending Balance	3,512,618
ADD: Yearly \$2M	2,000,000
Oct 1, 2022 Balance	5,512,618
Currently disbursed FY22-23	60,891
Active Open Balance	5,451,726
OBLIGATIONS REMAINING	2,502,766
Available	\$ 2,948,961

5. Discussion items

- a. MiWB office space next to CRA office-lease terms & furnishing costs
 - i. Per advice of attorneys – MiWB can only pay a local agency or the manager (H. Vickers), so cannot sign the lease directly. It was advised that the lease be signed fully to CRA and MiWB be a sublet to CRA. This is pending CRA's Board Approval with further updates to come. A special meeting may be needed.

6. Action items

- a. Application for fund obligation to create a Wetland Mitigation Bank in the Manistee River Watershed, sponsored by Kalkaska County \$25,000

Motion by Laitinen, supported by Kline

7. Members comments – n/a

8. Public comments – n/a

9. Adjourn at 1:50pm