



Michigan Wetland Board for Local Transportation Agencies

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AGENDA

Michigan Wetland Board Meeting

April 15, 2025

Attendees: Holly Vickers, Steve Puuri (CRA), Hanna Christensen (CRA), Melissa Plotnick (CRA), Angie Kline, Brad Knight, Rob Laitinen, Tim Wolff, Mike O'Malley (MDOT), Jim Watling (EGLE),

Called to order at 1:00pm

1. Approve April 2025 Annual Business and Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- a. Wolff motioned, Knight supported, motion approved

2. Announcements:

Board Member Appointments as of April 1, 2024 (2024 Annual Meeting)

CRA Executive Committee two (2) year appointments, expiring 2025 in bold:

- Angela Kline, PE, Director of Eng, JCDT, expires March 31, 2026
- **Rob Laitinen, PS, Manager, CRC, expires March 31, 2025**
- Brad Knight, Director of Planning, RCOC, expires March 31, 2026
- **Steve Puuri, PE, Engineering Specialist, CRA & MML, expires March 31, 2025**
- Tim Wolff, Manager, Village of Lake Isabella, at large
- Jim Watling, EGLE, member
- Mike O'Malley, MDOT, member
- The replacement for Steve Puuri since his appointment is expiring in 2025 is James Wyniemko, PE, Gladwin County Road Commission, **expiring in 2027**. Rob Laitinen, PS, Chippewa County Road Commission was reappointed until 2027. **Steve Puuri, CRA & MML, will act as honorary member and historian, non-expiring.**

3. Actions:

Elected Officer Appointments

One (1) year appointment, expiring 2025:

- Chair Election (current, Robert Laitinen)
- Vice Chair Election (current, Steve Puuri)
- Treasurer Election (current, Brad Knight)

Chair – Rob Laitinen, exp 2026

- Wolff motioned, Knight supported, motion approved.

Vice Chair – Tim Wolff, exp 2026

- Knight motioned, Laitinen supported, motion approved.

Treasurer – Brad Knight, exp 2026

- Wolff motioned, Laitinen supported, motion approved.

CHAIR: Rob Laitinen

VICE CHAIR: Tim Wolff

TREASURER: Brad Knight

DIRECTORS: Angela Kline | James Wyniemko | Jim Watling | Mike O'Malley

4. Approve 2024 & 2025 MiWB Quarterly Meeting Schedule

- a. July 15, 2025; 1:00 pm
- b. Oct 21, 2025; 1:00 pm
- c. Jan 20, 2026; 1:00 pm
- d. April 21, 2026; 1:00 pm

- *Kline motioned, Knight supported, motion approved.*

5. Affirm Board By-laws

Reaffirm the By-laws as previously approved, April 19, 2024.

- o There have been no changes as there have not been any changes for 3 years.

- *Kline motioned, Wolff supported, motion approved.*

6. Manager's Report

- MiWB File 40-2023-2 Manistee River Watershed Site – corrected Quit Claim is headed to MDOT for filing. Costs to create these acres in partnership with MDOT was \$40,000/acre
- MiWB File 46-2024-1 Huron River Watershed Site – 10 acres of credit at about \$45,000/acre
- MiWB File 03-2020-1 Kalamazoo River Watershed Site – We have the purchase agreement offer to the property owner.
- MiWB File 62-2025-1 Muskegon River Watershed Site (new app) – MDOT will also be partnering with this location which will result in at least 10 acres of credit with potential of additional credits. Also, there is a potential for some stream mitigation.
- MiWB File 11-2025-1 St. Joseph and Pawpaw River Watershed Sites (new app) – Build 10 acres of credits for \$80,000/acres.
- MiWB File 09-2025-1 Rifle and Kawkawlin River Watershed Sites (new app) - Build 10 acres of credits for \$80,000/acres.
- MMWA site status – Petersburg in SE Michigan, Raisin River Watershed is complete pending EGLE accepting documentation. Allegan and Ionia sites pending EGLE credit release. Potato Creek Site is also pending EGLE credit release.
- Report to EGLE with bank status', premitigation credits statewide, including older sites that we are tracking.
- Had a grant avenue booth at the CRA Highway Conference Roadshow along with attending district meetings, and a few trainings.

7. Financial Report-CRA

- a. Clip of current budget and project details presented by Christensen.
- b. Discuss interest accrued – interest is based on interest rates at the federal level, and the quarterly amount is disclosed to MDOT by Michigan Treasury which is defined as "Common Cash Interest Revenue". Since the beginning of MiWB's account, there has been \$1,036,205.68 of interest earned on the account; this has never been presented to the Board or has ever been reflected in the financials. We will be updated from MDOT at least twice a year for accuracy in interest.

8. Discussion Items:

- a. Media Events-ideas? Suggestions? None
- b. Any other topics
 - o Progress on the rock with plaque for Senator Green- unknown but will get an update from Noyola.
 - o Wolff mentioned going to the MML Conference in September 2025 with more details to come regarding the agenda

9. Action Items

- a. Approve applications for fund obligations:
 - MiWB File 62-2025-1 Newaygo County application for Muskegon River Watershed Wetland Mitigation Bank, \$500,000
 - o Partnership with MDOT, reimbursement request \$525,000 for \$35,000/acre*Knight motioned, Wolff supported, motion approved*
 - MiWB File 11-2025-1 Berrien County application for St. Joseph and Pawpaw River Watershed Wetland Mitigation Bank Sites, \$1,600,000 (\$800,000 FY 2025 and \$800,000 FY 2027)
 - o 10 acres PFO mitigation credits for PawPaw River at \$80,000/acre and same for St. Joseph River. Total obligation of \$1,600,000.*Kline motioned, Knight supported, motion approved*
 - MiWB File 09-2025-1 Bay County Rifle and Kawkawlin River Watershed Wetland Mitigation Bank Sites, \$1,600,000 (\$800,000 FY 2026 and \$800,000 FY 2028)
 - o 10 acres PFO mitigation credits at \$80,00/acre. Total obligation of \$800,000; \$400,000 FY2025 and \$400,000 FY2027.*Kline motioned, Knight supported, motion approved*

10. Comments from Steve Puuri, CRA

- CRA is actively involved in 12 counties with ice storm damage and how damage is estimated (clearing trees, repairing damage to roads, etc.). Also update on Road ConductorSM – in Phase II and contract worked up with Michigan Technological University and Puuri will be having a Road ConductorSM booth at the APWA conference. Another update from CRA is regarding the Local Agency Research Board grant which has been secured.

11. Member comments

- Watling mentioned that there is new staff at EGLE
- O'Malley mentioned that there is an increase cut at FHWA with the incentive to retire. Advised the Board to get requests into FHWA as soon as possible, preferably before the end of the month.

12. Public comments – n/a

13. Adjourn at 2:06 p.m.