

MINUTES

REGION 2 RURAL TASK FORCE

Jackson County Tower Building
120 W. Michigan Ave. – 17th Floor
Jackson, MI 49201

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Members Present: Hillsdale County
Bob Griffis, HCRC
Julie Boyce, Key Opportunities (Virtual)
Kym Blythe, City of Reading

Jackson County
Angela Kline, JCDOT (Vice-Chair)
Matt Swartzlander, Village of Brooklyn

Lenawee County
Scott Merillat, LCRC (Chair)

Brian Stark, MDOT – RTF Program Coordinator

Others Present: Charlie Briner, JCDOT
Robert Caldwell, JCDOT

Staff Present: Brett Gatz, Region 2 Planning Commission
Jacob Hurt, Region 2 Planning Commission
Jill Liogghio, Region 2 Planning Commission
Zack Smith, Region 2 Planning Commission

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Kline called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Introductions were done by the committee.

ITEM 2 ELECTION OF 2024-2025 OFFICERS

A motion was made by Ms. Kline, supported by Mr. Swartzlander, to nominate Mr. Merillat as Chair and Ms. Kline as Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

ITEM 4 RURAL TASK FORCE UPDATE FROM MDOT

An update about the Region 2 Rural Task Force and the statewide Rural Task Force Program were given by Mr. Stark.

ITEM 5 **OVERVIEW OF BALANCE SHEET AND CURRENT PROJECTS**

The balance sheet and current projects were reviewed by each county. Mr. Griffis reviewed the projects in Hillsdale County. Ms. Kline reviewed the projects in Jackson County. Mr. Merillat reviewed the projects in Lenawee County. Necessary adjustments to project budgets were made by each county.

A motion was made by Ms. Kline, seconded by Mr. Swartzlander, to approve the project and budget changes for FY 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Kline, seconded by Mr. Swartzlander, to approve the project and budget changes for FY 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 **CHANGES TO ALL-SEASON NETWORK**

No changes were made to the All-Season Network.

ITEM 7 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was received.

ITEM 8 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

ITEM 9 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Merillat entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. A motion was made by Ms. Kline, seconded by Mr. Swartzlander, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Brett Gatz, Recording Secretary
Region 2 Planning Commission