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**REGULAR MEETING
TRI-COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

DATE: July 29, 2009 (Wednesday)
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: **INGHAM COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BLDG**
Conference Room A
5303 S. Cedar Street
Lansing, MI 48910

CALL TO ORDER: V/Ch Holman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE V/Ch Holman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present: See attached sheet.
Absent: See attached sheet.

Staff Present: See attached sheet.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA It was **MOVED** by C/Bauerle, **SUPPORTED** by C/Hewitt, to approve the agenda as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was **MOVED** by C/Beard, **SUPPORTED** by C/Tennis, that the minutes of June 24, 2009 be approved as printed. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS Coleman introduced an article from the Michigan Water Works News on the "Window on Water". "Window on Water" is the new permanent groundwater exhibit at Impression 5 Science Center. TCRPC staff, the Lansing Board of Water & Light, and a planning committee worked with Envision Environmental Education (consulting firm) and Impression 5 to build the groundwater model that was

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funded through a wellhead protection grant from MDEQ. Also covering the unveiling of the model was Capitol Gains, an online media source, which was also distributed.

Coleman provided a brief fact sheet outlining the Stormwater Phase II program that was compiled by Erin Campbell, TCRPC Environmental Planner. Coleman noted that Program and Grant Committee members received the fact sheet at their last meeting along with an update on the program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (AKA: Stimulus Package)

In an effort to keep the Commission informed on the status of stimulus and other funded projects, staff distributed an excerpt of the July 7, 2009 CARTS minutes that provides an update on status of projects. This report also includes staff's tracking of bid costs. C/Rodgers asked if there's an opportunity to fund additional projects as a result of most bids coming in low. C/Small explained the dynamics of using pro rata vs. lump sum. TCRPC is using pro rata which means that agencies are willing to pay 80% of the cost regardless of what the bids come in at. Staff will need to sum up all available revenue for the projects that were bid under programmed costs and decide whether any additional funds would be available. C/Small said TCRPC has adopted a prioritized list of projects that would be used to buy down projects from the currently unfunded list, if additional funding becomes available. Skinker noted that the City of Lansing, Holmes Road is the next project in line for funding.

Great Lakes Association of Regional Councils (GreatRegion) Draft Resolution

Coleman briefed members on the enclosed materials on the proposed Great Lakes Association of Regional Councils (GreatRegion), which included an agenda, preamble, and proposed resolution. For the past year the Michigan Association of Regions (MAR) has expressed an interest in working closer with the sister regions of the Great Lakes states and this proposal will likely provide an avenue to meet this goal.

C/Rodgers attended the MAR business meeting on July 22 as TCRPC's MAR representative. She commented on Matt Chase, National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), perspective and support of the proposed concept to create the "GreatRegion".

C/Rodgers suggested the Commission look at this formation in terms of how regions can come together in a non-competitive manner.

After discussion, there was consensus to review the draft resolution through the Committee process and that it be brought back to the Commission as modified for action in August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive/Personnel
Committee

No meeting.

Program & Grant Review
Committee

C/Rodgers will report on the July 22, 2009 Program & Grant Review Committee meeting.

1) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Amendment

C/Rodgers said action on the attached resolution is being requested in order to amend the CEDS project list to include the Lansing Regional International Airport expansion of Business Park, which includes construction of a road, extension of the water main and installation of all utilities as requested. It was noted that in order for the airport to qualify for these funds, it must be listed in the CEDS project list.

It was MOVED by C/Rodgers, SUPPORTED by C/Freeman, to adopt the Resolution in support of adding the proposed Airport project to the 2007-2010 CEDS project list.

C/Hewitt inquired about Airport matching funds. Coleman explained that this project would receive a \$1.5 million grant, which requires a 50/50 match that the Airport plans to provide. Coleman was uncertain of further details. C/Hewitt expressed concerns with the difference in the funding source for the airport itself in relation to the inequity on how this funding will move forward. Coleman explained that this project was included in the initial project list which was previously approved by the Commission. The Airport has since expanded the scope of their project.

C/Rodgers explained that the Airport will not be eligible for EDA funding without being on TCRPC's CEDS project list.

C/Freeman called the question. V/Ch Holman called to close the debate. Members of the Commission voted to close the debate – C/Veenstra opposed. MOTION CARRIED.

V/Ch Holman called the Commission to vote on the proposed CEDS amendment. C/Hewitt opposed - MOTION CARRIED.

C/Rodgers reported that staff provided updates on the stormwater activities and the Greening Mid-Michigan project. Additional information will be brought to the Commission at a future meeting.

Regional Growth Steering
Committee

C/Martin deferred reporting on the July 24, 2009 meeting until next month. Coleman noted that this Committee meets quarterly.

Transportation Review
Committee

C/Pohl reported on the July 22, 2009 Transportation Review Committee meeting.

- 1) Draft FY 2010 Work Program and Budget
C/Pohl said the Committee reviewed the draft work program and budget. It was MOVED by C/Pohl, SUPPORTED by C/Monsma, to approve the FY 2010 Work Program and budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- 2) TIP Amendment – CATA
C/Pohl said the Committee recommended approval of CATA's TIP amendment request that was enclosed in packets. It was MOVED by C/Pohl, SUPPORTED by C/Beard, to approve CATA's TIP amendment request to add Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) funds to the TIP for automatic vehicle locators, mobile data terminals and related technology purchases.

There was brief discussion on toll credits.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3) TIP Amendment – Transportation Economic Development Funds (TEDF)

C/Pohl said the Committee recommended approval of both TEDF Category “A” projects. It was MOVED by C/Pohl, SUPPORTED by C/Martin, to approve adding the Village of Ovid and the City of East Lansing TEDF Category “A” projects into the TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C/Pohl noted that the Committee had a good discussion on pending federal legislation.

Finance Committee

C/Martin reported on the July 29, 2009 Finance Committee meeting.

1) Financial Report – June 2009

It was MOVED by C/Martin, SUPPORTED by C/Veenstra, to receive and place on file the June 2009 financial statement. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1) FY 09 Budget Revision

C/Martin said \$5,000 was added in special projects for the Stormwater Phase II program. It was noted that the in-kind match should read \$38,000. It was MOVED by C/Martin, SUPPORTED by C/Veenstra, to adopt the FY 2009 budget revision as revised. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER

C/Rodgers provided remarks on the July 22, 2009 MAR annual business meeting. She reported that the Executive Director will continue to serve as the MAR Secretariat until a decision is made on hiring a new part-time coordinator/executive director to maintain the secretariat duties for the Association. She explained that MAR has expressed an interest in reorganizing to either hire a coordinator or an executive director to take over the secretariat functions. As a result of this decision, MAR also took action on reorganizing their dues structure. C/Rodgers noted that the new structure is now based on each region’s annual budget.

C/Rodgers provided other miscellaneous comments as follows.

- Coleman will continue to serve as MAR’s representative on the Statewide Impact Development Advisory Committee.
- The Annual MAR conference will be held here in Lansing next year (dates and location to be determined).

C/Rodgers noted that Matt Chase, NADO, explained that there is an investment proposal that is being presented to the EDA office. NADO will be collecting information from MAR to apply for funding that will help with planning efforts in order to address economic development issues in the region. Coleman said proceeding the MAR business meeting, MAR held a two day training conference where this topic was addressed.

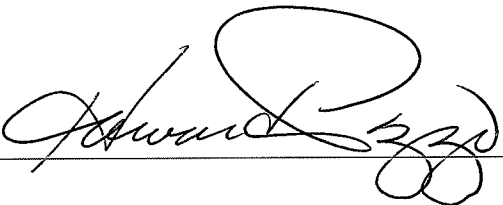
C/Rodgers said the MAR directors were very complimentary of Jon and his staff on the support they provided MAR this past year. Coleman noted that TCRPC receives up to \$7,000 for the secretariat functions. The next MAR meeting will be held on September 8th.

C/Martin commented on Clinton County constituents sharing photos at the Clinton County Finance/Personnel meeting showing a wetland that emerged in their yard as a result of the Airport relocating a road last summer. The Drain Commissioner is trying to address this problem. C/Martin will keep the Commission updated.

C/Hewitt received a request from the 4th Ward Councilmember to express speed signage issues to MDOT. C/Hewitt relayed that as MDOT puts in the new improved roadway (from Lansing Township into the west side of Lansing) they should consider speed change signage. There is currently no signage on Saginaw/Oakland (specifically Saginaw as it comes into Lansing).

It was MOVED by C/Pohl, SUPPORTED by C/Martin, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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Date: 8/26/09

ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE

Staff Present:	Others Present:
<p align="center">January 28, 2009 Annual Dinner Meeting</p> <p>Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Greg Hoffman, Maria Habba, Marney Turner, Paul Hamilton, Steve Skinker, Laura Tschirhart, Paul Dionne, Christine Spitzley, Erin Campbell, Christine Hnatiw, Dan Dillinger, Harmony, Gmazel, Hary Prawiranata</p>	<p>Outgoing Commissioners: Phil Chisholm, Delta Charter Township; Fred Marquardt, Eaton County Board of Commissioners; Joe Guenther, Ingham County Road Commission Others: The Honorable Rick Jones, State of Michigan Representative; Tony Baltimore, Congressman Mike Rogers Office; Matthew Myers, Ingham County Controller; John Fuentes, Eaton County Controller; Joseph Brehler, Chair Eaton County Board of Commissioners.</p>
<p align="center">February 25, 2009</p> <p>Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Greg Hoffman, Maria Habba, Paul Hamilton, Steve Skinker, Christine Hnatiw</p>	<p>Paul Lott, MDOT; Joe Manzella, CATA; Kevin Laverty, WKAR Radio; H. David Arkins, Citizens Against Extending Michigan Avenue (CAMA); R. Douglas Kosinski, CAMAE; Jim Mociaczonok, CAMAE.</p>
<p align="center">March 25, 2009</p> <p>Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Greg Hoffman, Maria Habba, Paul Hamilton, Christine Hnatiw</p>	<p>Jackie Tennis, guest.</p>
<p align="center">April 29, 2009</p> <p>Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Maria Habba, Paul Hamilton</p>	<p>Lt. Gary Megge, Michigan State Police; Joe Manzella, CATA.</p>
<p align="center">May 27, 2009</p> <p>Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Greg Hoffman, Maria Habba, Paul Hamilton</p>	<p>Fred Fry, Citizen</p>
<p align="center">June 24, 2009</p> <p>Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Maria Habba, Paul Hamilton</p>	<p>Paul Lott, MDOT; Nicole Wilson, CATA; Joe Manzella, CATA; Channel 6 News</p>
<p align="center">July 29, 2009</p> <p>Jon W. Coleman, TCRPC Executive Director Greg Hoffman, Maria Habba, Steve Skinker</p>	<p>Joe Manzella, CATA</p>

