

HANCOCK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



BOARD PACKET APRIL 21ST, 2021

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JERRY WOLFORD – CASS TWP.

STAFF

MATT CORDONNIER, DIRECTOR

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JACOB MERCER

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**Meeting Dates
2021**

**All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the
Municipal Building Third Floor Conference Room**

Meeting Date	Notice
January 20, 2021	January 13, 2021
February 17, 2021	February 10, 2021
March 17, 2021	March 10, 2021
April 21, 2021	April 14, 2021
May 19, 2021	May 12, 2021
June 16, 2021	June 9, 2021
July 21, 2021	July 14, 2021
August 18, 2021	August 11, 2021
September 15, 2021	September 8, 2021
October 20, 2021	October 13, 2021
November 17, 2021	November 10, 2021
December 15, 2021*	December 8, 2021

- ❖ December meeting cancelled unless there are issues that require approval before the January meeting.

**Officers
2020**

Name	Title
Brett Gies	President
Stephanie Phillips	Vice President
Don Bledsoe	Secretary
Jody O'Brien	Treasurer

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Sandhu, Bret Gies, Jody O'Brien, Stephanie Phillips, Thom Bissell, Duane Boes, Tim Bechtol, Polly Sandhu, Jim Ferguson, Jeff Hunker, Bob Nichols, Matthew Leddy, Jerry Wolford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Ploeger, Fred Rodabaugh, George Walton, Grant Russel, Don Bledsoe, Ed May, Greg Burks, Christie Ranzau, Christina Muryn

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Cordonnier, Judy Scrimshaw

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER

Brett Gies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jerry Wolford made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes. Matthew Leddy seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Matt Cordonnier reported that the Committee met last Wednesday and he updated the Committee on our job search for a new planner. Jacob Mercer, who has been with HRPC for almost seven years, will be moving into Judy's position and the new planner will take over for Jake. Wesley Jefferies, a recent graduate with a Bachelor's in Urban Planning, will be starting next Monday. We should have a good opportunity to cross train him on Design Review Board, and RLF. Matt will be working with him on Land Use Plan updates, Zoning updates, etc. Jacob has started working with Judy on City Planning Commission, is shadowing her on lot splits, etc.

EXPENDITURES

Jody O'Brien directed the members to page 12 for the Transaction Report. Matt Cordonnier explained the money received from Portage and Washington Township, which are the first quarter payments for being their zoning inspector. We did increase their rate a little this year. We raised it from \$2000 per year to \$2500.

Mr. Cordonnier noted that we moved \$13,000 from our General account to the Emergency Account.

Jerry Wolford made a motion to approve the expenses. Polly Sandhu seconded. Motion passed 13-0-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Cordonnier then directed the members to the financial reports. Things are normal for being so early in the year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITY REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Tim Bechtol stated that they are continuing to work on the three items he had reported on last two months – 2nd phase of river benching, Juvenile/Probate Court building, and Litter Landing.

Mr. Bechtol commented that they would be filming the state of the County address next week. Each department will come in to speak with the Commissioners on a 2-year lookback because they did not have the State of County address last year due to COVID. They are also preparing for the onslaught of suggestions on how to spend the \$14million of federal funds coming to the County. This will come in at least two payments. They are waiting to see what type of stipulations they will have on the funds. He does not believe they will have state directives on this as in the previous round.

Brett Gies asked if Mr. Bechtol could give an update on the River benching. Mr.

Bechtol stated that the first benching project has one corner to finish up. The majority is up and functioning. The major flood level has already been raised by a foot. There has been a tremendous amount of property acquisition and clearing completed with a handful of properties still to be acquired. That project should add another one to one and a half feet to the major flood level number. The north and south approaches to the MLK bridge will be raised to keep them out of the flooding and allow passage on that overpass during high water. This is already bid out and construction will start soon. The final component will be replacement of the N & S Railroad bridge. This has been creating a bottleneck for years. It will create a wider throat to allow water flow along that part of the river. They are working with the railroad on participation in the funding. They will essentially get a new bridge to replace one that is over 100 years old. The N Cory Street Bridge, CSX Railroad Bridge and even the Blanchard Street bridge are also fairly low.

Jim Ferguson asked if there are plans on using the vacant land after these projects are complete, particularly around downtown area. Tim Bechtol replied that the County and City are working on plans. The ground may be a two-stage project. The lower area, which would be more likely to flood, will probably remain grassy. The next level could be park, festival grounds, etc. In a major flood event, it could be easily cleared out. The City will become the owner. Right now, it is a patchwork of City and County ownership.

CASS TOWNSHIP

Jerry Wolford reported that things are quiet. Getting ready to pave some roadways.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Jeff Hunker reported that they too are preparing for their road projects. They are in the process of preparing some rules on how to replace sidewalks.

Jim Ferguson asked if there has been any movement on the storm sewer just behind the school. Mr. Hunker replied that there has been talk between the County Engineer and the school. Mr. Cordonnier stated that since there is no subdivision it will be between the school and the Engineer. Mr. Hunker stated that he had heard there may be a wetlands issue there also.

BRWP

Lauren Sandhu stated that they premiered their video project "Conservation and Agriculture: Where Land Meets Water" at the end of February. It appears to be well received. It is on their website and Facebook page.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Matt Cordonnier reported we continue working on ongoing City and County projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

EXPENDITURES

THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES
ARE SUBMITTED FOR YOUR
REVIEW BY JODY O'BRIEN,
TREASURER

APRIL 21ST, 2021

BUDGET

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS
OUR BUDGET BALANCE AS OF
TODAY BY MATT CORDONNIER,
DIRECTOR

APRIL 21ST, 2021

8) *OLD BUSINESS*

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