

M22 BYWAY

Management Council/Committee Meeting – **DRAFT MINUTES**

August 26th, 2025 at 10:00 AM

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Present

Amy Ferris, Crystal Lake Township
Barb Conley, Leelanau Township
Bick Pratt, Onkama Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Brendan Mullane, Leelanau County Road Commission
Cassidy Robarts, Networks Northwest
Chad Jordan, Leelanau Conservancy
Chris Garrock, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
Clayton Sigmann, MDOT
Collin Hoffmeyer, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
David Jarvi, Manistee County Planning Department
David Meister, Onkama Township
Elizabeth Calcutt, TART Trails Inc
Gary Sauer, Betsie Valley Trail Management Committee
Heidi Phaneuf, MDOT
Isha Pithwa, Networks Northwest
Janet Taylor, Village of Elberta
Jeff Shaw, CHAIR, Elmwood Township
Jennifer Smeltzer, Onkama Township
Krista Phillips, MDOT
Laura Cavendish, Village of Northport Infrastructure Committee
Steve Parsons, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tino Breithaupt, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
Troy Hinds, Benzie County Road Commission



1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Jeff Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Introductions were noted for the attendees. This meeting was online only.

2. Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

Motion by Barb Conley to approve the agenda as presented, second by Chad Jordan. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Barb Conley to approve the meeting minutes as presented, second by ?. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Chair Opening Remarks

Jeff Shaw gave an opening statement expressing that he was looking forward to moving things forward with the group.

5. Public Comment - None.

6. Partner Updates

a. Networks Northwest

Cassidy Robarts informed the group that she had been working on the contact list over the past few months and that Clayton Sigmann had been doing outreach to those identified on the list.

b. MDOT:

i. North Region

Krista Phillips informed the group that the roundabout construction in the Grelickville area is going well and is on schedule. The construction is set to be completed by mid-November.

ii. Pure MI Byways

Clayton Sigmann gave a presentation on updating the M22 Corridor Management Plan. The process will include setting a shared vision, identifying goals and projects, and gathering feedback. The update will take around 1-2 years, ideally with quarterly meetings and opportunities for public input.

c. Committee Member Updates

i. Elmwood Township

1. Jeff thanked MDOT for their construction progress and noted heavy use of new multi-use paths.



- ii. Leelanau County
 - 1. Barb expressed concerns about construction affecting emergency access. It was assured that construction flaggers would allow emergency vehicles through.
 - 2. Barb also suggested promoting local history, art, farming, and wineries along the byway.
- iii. Onekama Township Parks & Recreation Committee
 - 1. Bick reported progress on a trail project, sharing that the feasibility phase is completed and that funding has been secured for the next phase through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.
- iv. Village of Elberta
 - 1. Janet announced that there are new public bathrooms at the beach.
- v. Betsie Valley Trail Management Committee
 - 1. Gary mentioned a safety issue at the Betsie Valley Trail crossing on M-22, which MDOT is addressing.
- vi. Leelanau County Road Commission
 - 1. Brendan noted that there is ongoing shoulder work within Leelanau County.
- vii. Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
 - 1. Chris shared that a new boardwalk is planned for the Upper Herring Lake Preserve.

7. Old Business

a. Annual Meeting Schedule

It was decided that the 4th Tuesday of every third month at 10 AM would be the best time to meet. The meetings will take place via Zoom, with the exception of one meeting which shall have an in-person option. The FY 2026 meeting dates are as follows:

- November 25th, 2025
- February 24th, 2026
- May 26th, 2026
- August 25th, 2026

Motion by Barb Conley to approve the FY 2026 Meeting Schedule, second by Laura Cavendish. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

b. Byway Subcommittees

- i. Subcommittees may be formed in the future. For now, volunteers are invited to help with the Corridor Management Plan development.

c. Management Plan Review

- i. Clayton requested that members review the existing corridor management plans for



their areas, check for accuracy, and bring any updates or corrections to the next meeting.

8. New Business

a. Website Host

Cassidy informed the group that their current website host, LIAA, is set to fully retire its operating system by March 31, 2026. As a response to this information, the group needs to begin searching for a new host. Cassidy has already requested a quote from Jamie Judson, the contractor who was recently chosen to be the M-119 byway's new host. She asked the attendees to send any company or contractor suggestions to her so that she can gather at least 3 quotes. Upon gathering enough quotes a special meeting may be scheduled for the group to discuss their options.

9. Public Comment

- a. Clayton reminded the group that the Pure Michigan Byways Workshop will be held on November 3rd at the University Center in Gaylord. Registration is now open and all Byway Committee Leadership, and Byway Committee Members are encouraged to register for the in-person session. Cassidy will share the registration link with the group following the meeting's conclusion.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on November 25th, 2025 at 10 AM via Zoom.

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