

Sunrise Coastal Highway
Management Council Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2009

Chair Greg Sundin called the meeting to order at 10:03 am at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, Alpena, Michigan.

Attendees: Greg Sundin, City of Alpena; Karen Sanderson, Alcona County Heritage Route Committee/City of Harrisville; Dan Mullen, DNR; Ken Gauthier, Alpena County/Sanborn Twp. Supervisor; Denise Cline, NEMCOG; Anne Belanger, Presque Isle; Lee Shirey (Alpena alternate), Target Alpena; David Langhorst and Kevin Schaedig, MDOT; Beverly Boden, Sen. Stamas' office; Pat Shiflet, Oscoda/Coastal Coalition; *Trish Schmidt, Iosco/Oscoda Twp; and Brandon Schroeder, MSUE/Sea Grant.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Shiflet to approve the July 14, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Sanderson, support Kellan to appoint Heidi Dewald as a private sector representative. Motion carried.

MDOT Report—Dave Langhorst (in Pete Hanses' absence) reported that technical assistance comes with MDOT funding and that assistance is provided by NEMCOG, i.e., Denise Cline. MDOT is working/helping with a common website for all Heritage Routes through LIAA (Land Information Access Association). The idea is to create a shell that each heritage route would fill in on an individual basis. It should be available for this fiscal year.

Signage is an ongoing issue. The goal is to have universal signage indicating heritage routing. It all needs clarification from Pete Hanses' regarding funding. It was the opinion of some that the meeting in Gaylord related things that people already knew. Our membership is urged to send comments to Patti O'Donnell at NWMCOG (Northwest MI Council of Governments).

Dave said that local communities need to buy into aiding the funding of multi-use pathways in their counties. He said that possibly MDOT could meet with individual counties in early spring after MDOT's 5-year plans have been approved so that piggy-backing on MDOT projects might occur. It was also advised that communication between Heritage Route committees and local road commissions take place and possibly draw up a wish list.

County brochures. Alpena's funding is in place if the grant is turned down. A "guesstimate" of approximately \$1131.00 for \$20,000 brochures per county may be high. Denise has applied for two grants. Everyone is urged to get financial commitments from their counties.

Coastal Coalition Pat Shiflet reported on the visit from the Pure Michigan people. The group spent two days along the route being guided by Alpena, Alcona, Iosco and Arenac (?). Pure Michigan will report back to the group in September.

MSU Extension/MI SeaGrant Brandon Schroeder reported receiving a \$200,000 initiative grant. He is looking for “kid friendly” projects that involve students in Great Lakes stewardship projects regarding their environment. Brandon also said that we can go online at seagrant.com to view the report that was compiled over the last few years.

Next meeting is September 15, 2009 at the Marine Sanctuary.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Karen L. Sanderson, Secretary