

Minutes for the
Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO)
Board of Directors Meeting
Traverse City, Michigan
May 20, 2012

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Kevin Keith, President MAASTO.

Board Introductions -

- Director Kevin Keith, Missouri DOT
- Secretary Mark Gottlieb, Wisconsin DOT and Vice President of MAASTO
- Terri Barnhart, Ohio DOT and MAASTO Treasurer
- Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT and MAASTO Secretary
- Director Kirk Steudle, Michigan DOT and AASHTO President
- Secretary Mike Hancock, Kentucky DOT
- Director Jerry Wray, Ohio DOT
- Commissioner Thomas Sorel, Minnesota DOT

Others in attendance -

- Dan Franklin, Iowa DOT
- Lee Wilkenson, Iowa DOT
- Chris Hundt, Michigan DOT
- Michael Berg, Wisconsin DOT
- Dan Grasser, Wisconsin DOT
- Serge Phillips, Minnesota DOT
- Mark Miller, Indiana DOT
- James Ballinger, Kentucky DOT
- Bill Frey, Illinois DOT
- Polly Kent, Michigan DOT
- Rocky Moretti, TRIP

Treasurers Report

Terri Barnhart, MAASTO Treasurer, presented to the board an updated budget for 2011. A motion was made and approved by the board to adopt the 2011 budget as presented.

Current balance in the MAASTO bank account is approximately \$350,000.

The board approved a motion to establish a sub-committee to study options for spending down or reducing the amount of funds currently in the MAASTO bank account. Serving on this committee is Terri Barnhart, Director Jerry Wray and Director Paul Trombino.

The board spoke on the importance of adopting a policy at the July annual MAASTO meeting, if not before.

Also, at the request of Ms. Barnhart, a motion was approved by the board to allow for the expenditure of up to \$2,500 to hire a tax consultant to ensure all proper tax laws and regulations are being followed by MAASTO.

Update on Summer MAASTO Conference

Secretary Mike Hancock provided the committee with an update on the July MAASTO Conference to be held on July 17 to 20, in Lexington, Kentucky. The Secretary distributed a handout detailing all the events and breakout sessions relating to the conference. Secretary Hancock also distributed a list of current attendees registered for the conference.

Discussion of AASHTO Policies

Director Kirk Steudel discussed with the MAASTO board the need to adopt a resolution to support WASHTO's efforts to express concerns to the Environmental Protection Agency and the US Army Corp of Engineers Joint Guidance pertaining to Clean Water Jurisdiction over wetlands, rivers, streams and lakes.

After discussion, the board approved a resolution to support the WASHTO resolution. MAASTO resolution 1-12 is attached.

On behalf of the AASHTO Executive Committee, President Keith lead a discussion on the need to provide AASHTO staff with guidance on key policy issues during the U.S. House and U.S. Senate conference debate on a new reauthorization bill.

The MAASTO board approved a motion to adopt a resolution to support the executive committee's request. A copy of the resolution is attached (2-12).

Strategic Transportation Issues Committee (STIC) Update

Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT, provided the board with a brief update on the many activities the STIC committee is currently involved with. Specifically, Mr. Wunderlich said the group is actively putting on the finishing touches on a report for the MAASTO board as it relates to the differences between the U.S. House and U.S. Senate versions of a transportation reauthorization bill. This report will primarily focus on three different categories: highway funding, transportation finance, transit and performance measures.

Dan Franklin, Iowa DOT, provided an update to the board on improvements to the MAASTO website. Mr. Franklin expects the new website to be in place and fully operational by the July MAASTO annual conference.

Director Keith stated he was very appreciative of the website upgrade.

Secretary Hancock thanked the STIC committee for doing so much work and assisting the board members in preparation for the various committee meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Wunderlich
MAASTO Secretary and STIC Vice Chair