MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2022

Members Present
Britany L. Affolter-Caine
Susan Corbin
Paul Gentilozzi
Quentin L. Messer, Jr.

Members joined remotely
Paul Ajegba
Ronald W. Beebe
Rachael Eubanks
Charles P. Rothstein
Susan Tellier
Cindy Warner

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
Mr. Messer called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The meeting was held in person in the Lake Michigan Conference Room at the MEDC headquarters building in Lansing with an option to participate virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Mr. Messer introduced Amiee Evans, Chief of Staff, who conducted the attendance roll call.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Ms. Evans explained the process for members of the public to participate. David Coulter, County Executive for Oakland County, and State Representative Angela Witwer expressed support for the General Motors project in Orion Township and Delta Township/Lansing. Trevor Keyes, President & CEO of Bay Future Inc., expressed support for the Wilkinson Minerals project in Bay City.

III. COMMUNICATIONS
Ms. Evans advised Board members that the Quarterly Report of the Chief Compliance Officer was provided to them in the briefing packet. She also advised Board members that they received a revised meeting packet which included the consent agenda resolution and that the Bagley Development Group, LLC item was removed from the agenda. She noted that letters were received from State Senator Jim Stamas and State Representative Annette Glenn in support of the Dow, Inc. project in Midland; the letters are attached to the minutes.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution 2022-005 Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Mr. Messer asked if there were any questions from Board members regarding items under the Consent Agenda. There being none, Ronald W. Beebe motioned for the approval of the following:

a. Proposed Special Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2022
b. Grow Michigan: Appointment to Board of Managers – 2022-006
c. Detroit Food Commons, LLC: MCRP Grant Amendment – 2022-007
d. Lofts on 820, LLC: MCRP Loan Participation Amendment – 2022-008

Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. The motion carried: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Paul Ajegba joined the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

V. BUSINESS INVESTMENT


Josh Hundt, Executive Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer, provided the Board with information regarding these action items. The actions involve approval of a $600,000,000 Critical Industry Program Grant, Renewable Energy Renaissance Zone/MSF Designated Renaissance Zone for 18 years, and $66,100,000 Michigan Strategic Site Readiness Program Grant to support expansions in Orion Township (Oakland County) and the City of Lansing (Delta Township, Eaton County). The project is expected to result in total capital investment of up to $6,500,000,000 and the creation of up to 4,000 jobs. Following discussion, Charles P. Rothstein motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-009. Susan Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Cindy Warner then motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-010. Susan Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Finally, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-011. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

Mr. Messer introduced Jennifer Nelson, MEDC’s new Chief Operating Officer, and noted she would chair the meeting after his departure. He left the meeting at 9:08 a.m. and Ms. Nelson joined the meeting on his behalf.

b. Resolution 2022-012 City of Bay City Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Brownfield Act 381 Work Plan (Wilkinson Minerals Redevelopment Project)

Erik Wilford, Senior Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of state tax capture for Act 381 eligible activities capped at $4,918,442 to support a business development project in the City of Bay City. The project is expected to result in total capital investment of $164,000,000 and the creation of 80 jobs. Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-012. Ronald W. Beebe seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Erik Wilford, Senior Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of state tax capture for Act 381 eligible activities capped at $4,700,352 to support a business development project in the City of Harper Woods. The project is expected to result in total capital investment of $94,000,000 and the creation of 550 anticipated jobs. Following discussion, Susan Tellier motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-013. Susan Corbin seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

d. Resolution 2022-014 City of Midland / Dow, Inc.: 15-Year MSF Designated Renaissance Zone
Erik Wilford, Senior Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of an MSF Designated Renaissance Zone for 15 years to support modernization of key silicones manufacturing and research and development assets at Dow Inc.’s Michigan operations in the City of Midland. The project is expected to result in total capital investment of $150,000,000 and the retention of 800 jobs. Following discussion, Ronald W. Beebe motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-014. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

e. Resolution 2022-015 Industry 4.0 (I4.0) Signature Initiative Implementation Grants: Requests for Proposals, Allocation of Funding, Joint Evaluation Committee, and Scoring and Evaluation Criteria
Natalie Chmiko, Vice President of PMBC & International Trade, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the amount of $3,000,000 to solicit proposals from eligible organizations to increase Michigan manufacturers’ I4.0 awareness, preparedness, and technology adoption through implementation grants, appointment of a Joint Evaluation Committee (JEC) to review proposals received in response to the I4.0 RFP, and adoption of scoring and evaluation criteria to be used by the JEC in its review of responses to the I4.0 RFP. Following discussion, Susan Tellier motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-015. Rachael Eubanks seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None
VI. COMMUNITY VITALITY
a. Resolution 2022-016 Bottom One Percent, LLC: Michigan Community Revitalization Program Loan Participation Amendment (Dreamtroit Project)

Julius Edwards, Senior Commercial Real Estate Investment Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of an amendment to a Michigan Community Revitalization Program direct loan agreement to increase the award by $506,100 to $3,000,000, convert the award to a $1,500,000 performance-based direct loan and a $1,500,000 performance-based grant, and waive the 1% fee associated with the forbearance agreement for the Dreamtroit Project in the City of Detroit. Following discussion, Susan Corbin motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-016. Britany L. Affolter-Caine seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Rachael Eubanks, Paul Gentilozzi, Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Rachael Eubanks left the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and Andrew Lockwood joined the meeting on her behalf.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE
a. Resolution 2022-017 Michigan Community Revitalization Program: Guidelines Amendment

Lori Mullins, Managing Director of Community Development Incentives, provided the Board with information regarding this action item. The action involves approval of an amendment to the Michigan Community Revitalization Program Guidelines to make modifications to changes that were incorporated in the last version of the guidelines in October 2020 to address questions and support customer needs identified since the program guidelines were last revised. Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-017. Ronald W. Beebe seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Susan Corbin, Paul Gentilozzi, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Susan Corbin left the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and John Groen joined the meeting on her behalf.

VIII. CAPITAL ACCESS

Chris Cook, Director of Capital Access, provided the Board with information regarding these action items. The actions involve approval for the creation and operation of SSBCI 2.0-MBGF and its related programs and guidelines, delegation of authority to the MSF President or MSF Fund Manager to execute all documents necessary for MSF to receive SSBCI federal funding and effectuate approved SSBCI awards, and delegation of authority to the MSF President, MSF Fund Manager, and State Treasurer, with only two required to act, to approve SSBCI 2.0 funded projects in the amount of $5,000,000 or less (with the exception of the Venture Capital Program), and to reallocate up to 15% of all SSBCI 2.0 funds among the SSBCI-MBGF programs. Following discussion, Ronald W. Beebe motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-018. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Paul Gentilozzi, John Groen (on behalf of Director Corbin, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

John Groen then motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-019. Britany L. Affolter-Caine seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Paul Gentilozzi, John Groen (on behalf of Director Corbin, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Finally, Ronald W. Beebe motioned for the approval of Resolution 2022-020. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Paul Gentilozzi, John Groen (on behalf of Director Corbin, designation attached), Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Jennifer Nelson (on behalf of Chairman Messer, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

**IX. INFORMATIONAL**

The MSF delegated authority report for the period November 1 to December 31, 2021, was included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
June 15, 2021

Ms. Katelyn Wilcox  
Board Relations Liaison  
Michigan Strategic Fund  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI  48913

Re: Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Designee

Dear Ms. Wilcox:

Pursuant to MCLA 16.51, I hereby confirm my designation of John Groen in addition to Jonathan Smith as the persons authorized and empowered to act in my stead as a member of the Michigan Strategic Fund Board for scheduled meetings I am unable to attend.

If you need anything additional, please contact Diane Burton at (517) 230-5454. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan R. Corbin  
Acting Director
January 6, 2022

Quentin Messer, Chairman, Michigan Strategic Fund
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI  48913

Re:  Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Designee for Treasurer Eubanks

Dear Mr. Messer:

I hereby designate Andrew Lockwood to attend all Michigan Strategic Fund meetings that I am unable to attend in 2022.

If you need anything additional, please contact Kara Kabia at (517) 241-2624.

Sincerely,

Rachael Eubanks
State Treasurer

Cc:   Eric Bussis
      Andrew Lockwood
January 12, 2022

Michigan Strategic Fund
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

RE: Designation of Jennifer Nelson

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to MCLA 16.51, I hereby confirm my designation of Jennifer Nelson as the person authorized and empowered to act in my stead as a member of the Michigan Strategic Fund board for scheduled meetings I am unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Quentin L. Messer, Jr.
President & Chairman, MSF
Chief Executive Officer, MEDC
Mr. Quentin L. Messer, Jr., Chairman  
Michigan Strategic Fund  
300 North Washington Square  
Lansing, Michigan 48913  

Dear Chairman Messer,

I am writing in support of the City of Midland’s application to establish a Michigan Strategic Fund Designated Renaissance Zone to support investments by The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Silicones Corporation within the Company’s Michigan Operations I-Park in Midland.

Dow has been headquartered in Midland, Michigan, since its founding in 1897, and currently operates more than 100 manufacturing and/or R&D-focused sites in over 30 countries globally. The Company has been undertaking steps to review and optimize its operations to position itself for future growth. With the approval of the MSF Designated Renaissance Zone, Dow estimates it will invest at least $150,000,000 in new construction and renovations within the City of Midland by 2027 and retain at least 800 jobs.

These types of projects serve as economic catalysts for our community and the state of Michigan. We expect these investments to enable growth for the company, retain high paying jobs in our community, and position our region for ongoing investments in facilities and operations. Importantly, the City of Midland and Dow have agreed to a payment in lieu of tax agreement with respect to existing property within the proposed Renaissance Zone to preserve the city’s existing tax base.

In summary, I support the City of Midland’s request to establish a Renaissance Zone to support new investments by The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Silicones Corporation and ask the Michigan Strategic Fund to approve this request at its January 25 meeting.

Sincerely,

Jim Stamas  
State Senator  
36th District  

JS/ck
January 24, 2022

Quentin L. Messer, Jr.
Chairperson, Michigan Strategic Fund Board
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 North Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Michigan Strategic Fund Board,

We are writing in support of the City of Midland’s application to establish a Michigan Strategic Fund Designated Renaissance Zone to support investments by The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Silicons Corporation within the Company’s Michigan Operations I-Park in Midland.

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Importantly, the City of Midland and Dow have agreed to a payment in lieu of tax agreement with respect to existing property within the proposed Renaissance Zone to preserve the city’s existing tax base.

In summary, we support the City of Midland’s request to establish a Renaissance Zone to support new investments by The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Silicons Corporation, and ask the Michigan Strategic Fund to approve this request at its January 25 meeting.

Sincerely,

Annette Glenn
State Representative
98th District