MINUTES

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
Environmental/Public Works Committee

Board of Commissioners' Room
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

December 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Greg McConnell, Jorja Baldwin, Lisa Beedon, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche and Duke Dunn

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Bohm

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to add the Semcog Update to the agenda as item 7H. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Greg McConnell, to approve the agenda as revised. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

3. Citizens to be Heard

None

4. Updates

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Friends of the St. Clair River - Gypsy Moth Program Presentation and Phase II Proposal

Kirsten Lyons and Lydia Nicholas, Friends of the St. Clair River, discussed the results of the Gypsy Moth program to date. Ms. Lyons discussed the impact of the gypsy moth invasion to the affected areas. Various methods of reporting issues were discussed. In addition to public education and outreach, egg mass surveys were conducted to determine the area that would qualify for an aerial suppression program in the spring. There are approximately 1800 acres that would qualify at this point. Details of the suppression program were discussed. Finally, next steps were discussed. A proposed agreement for Phase II of the program will be included on the next agenda.

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward the Phase II Proposal to the Regular Board meeting. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

B. Underground Fuel Storage Tanks Removal Change Order # 3 - FINAL ACTION

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to approve change order 3 for the underground fuel storage tank removal project for the Airport in the amount of $4,276.25. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

C. Contract Approval - PM Blough Inc. for St. Clair/Macomb Birding Trail Platform Design

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with PM Blough Inc. for the design of the St. Clair - Macomb birding trail platform. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

D. 2020 Interlocal Agreement between Macomb County and St. Clair County for the Homeland Security Grant Program

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the 2020 interlocal agreement with Macomb county for the Homeland Security Grant program in the amount of $300,914. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

E. Resolution 2021-25 Authorizing Closing of North Channel Property - FINAL ACTION

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by David Rushing, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to adopt Resolution 21-25 authorizing payment and execution of closing and grant award documents for the acquisition of property along the North Channel of St. Clair River. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

F. Resolution 2021-26 Authorizing Submission of WIlson Foundation Grant - FINAL ACTION

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Greg McConnell, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to adopt Resolution 21-26 authorizing submission of a grant application to the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan - Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund in the amount of $20,000. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

G. Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Lantern Room/Watch Room Restoration Project

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Arisco Contracting Group, Inc. for the restoration of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Lantern Room in an amount not to exceed $42,200. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

H. Addition: SEMCOG Update

Amy O'Leary and Tiffany Gunter, SEMCOG, provide a brief update on SEMCOG programs and initiatives.Transportation planning, including accident data, was discussed. The development of a transportation plan allows for the receipt of various grant funds. The various trails program and environmental initiatives were discussed. Finally, community and economic development, in addition to education were dicussed.

8. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports

A. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to receive and file the Smiths Creek Landfill Activities reports. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

9. Other Environmental/Public Works Matters

Commissioner McConnell discussed the possibility of completing the Avoca to Yale Trail.

Commissioner Vandenbossche indicated they had been successful in the approval of two DNR Trust Fund projects.

10. Information Only

A. Monthly PARC Financial Documents

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to receive and file item 10A as information only. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

11. Receive and File Packets

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

Committee Chair: Duke Dunn

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