



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**

March 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED NOTH CHANNEL COUNTY PARK DNR TRUST FUND AND RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Commissioner Bohm opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.. He called for public comment three times. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 6:01 p.m.

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Torello called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Steve Simasko, Jorja Baldwin, Lisa Beedon, Jeff Bohm, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche, Dave Rushing and Joi Torello

Commissioners Absent: None

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jeff Bohm, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

3. Citizens to be Heard

None

4. Updates

None

5. Conceptual Initiatives

A. S. Simasko Proposed RFP - Broadband

Rob Dow, Mercury Broadband Co-Director of Fiber Operations gave an overview of their company. He discussed the current implementation plan for the installation of broadband services in St. Clair County for unserved or underserved areas. He indicated construction is estimated to begin in the second quarter of 2023, with project completion estimated during the fourth quarter of 2024.

Discussion continued. Mr. Dow will provide the Board with their corporate contacts to continue discussion.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. 2022 Drain Commissioner's Annual Report

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jeff Bohm, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to receive and file the Drain Commissioner's 2022 Annual Report. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

B. St. Clair County Master Plan - Authorization to Distribute Draft Plan

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Lisa Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to authorize the distribution of the draft St. Clair County Master Plan for the 63-day review and comment period. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

C. Private Hangar Ground Lease - Tailwind Holdings, LLC

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Private Hangar Ground Lease for Lot T-5 with Tailwind Holdings, LLC for a term of 01/01/23 through 12/31/2052 in the total amount of \$36,000. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

D. St. Clair County Spongy Moth Suppression Program - Update

Kirsten Lyons, Naturalist - Invasive Species Specialist, gave an overview of the Spongy Moth infestation that occurred in 2022. She discussed the reports of egg masses that were received in the second half of 2022. She discussed the proposed spray areas for 2023. A citizen questioned what was in the BT spray. The side effects of BT were discussed. Finally, she discussed the next steps and what invasive species to address after the Spongy Moth resurgence is over.

The contract with Al's Aerial Spraying, LLC was discussed. Administrator/Controller Hepting indicated at the conclusion of the bid process last year, a contract for multi-year pricing was negotiated, which is still in effect.

Moved by Jeff Bohm, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to authorize aerial spraying of approximately 320 acres in the amount of \$30,400, with funding provided by the County. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

E. Resolution 2023-02 Authorizing Submission of MDNR Recreation Passport Grant Application

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to adopt Resolution 23-02 authorizing the submission of a development grant application in the amount of \$150,000 to the DNR Recreation Passport Program fund for phase II improvements at North Channel County Park and approve the commitment of county millage funds donations for the local match. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

F. Resolution 2023-03 Authorizing Submission of MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to adopt Resolution 23-03 authorizing submission of a development grant application to the DNR Trust Fund in the amount of \$300,000 for phase II improvements at North Channel County Park and approving the commitment of millage funds and donations for the local match. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

G. Friends of the St. Clair River Stewardship Agreement for 2023

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the 2023 Contract Stewardship Services Agreement with Friends of the St. Clair River for 2023 in the amount of \$10,000. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

H. Village of Capac Request for Funding Support Letter to Congresswoman Lisa McClain's Office

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by David Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve a letter of support for the Village of Capac for the reconstruction of Main Street to be signed by either the Chair or Administrator/Controller. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

8. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Reports

A. Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Report

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jeff Bohm, to receive and file the Smiths Creek Landfill Activities Report. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

9. Other Environmental/Public Works Matters

None

10. Information Only

A. Monthly PARC Financial Documents

Moved by Jeff Bohm, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to receive and file item 10A for information only. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

11. Receive and File Packets

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jeff Bohm, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Lisa Beedon, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Rushing, Simasko, Torello, Vandenbossche.

Committee Chair: Joi Torello

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