

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at the at the Pool Food Bar area at Willow Metropark. The meeting was convened in pursuance to a call thereof by the Executive Secretary and due notice was given to the HCMA Board of Commissioners.

Present:	Commissioners:	John E. La Belle Timothy J. McCarthy Robert W. Marans Harry E. Lester Anthony V. Marrocco Jaye Quadrozzi (arrived at 10:32 a.m.)
	Staff Officers:	
	Director	John P. McCulloch
	Executive Secretary	George Phifer
Absent:	Commissioner	John Hertel
Others:	Legal Counsel (Miller Canfield) Legislative Consultant	Richard Seryak George Carr

Chairman La Belle called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. Chairman's Statement

Chairman La Belle said he appreciated the level of experience that each Board member brought to the table and thanked staff for making an effort to address the challenges facing HCMA in recent years.

2. Public Comments

No public comments.

3. Minutes - July 11, 2013 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Lester that the Board of Commissioners approve the July 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes as submitted by Executive Secretary Phifer and staff.

4. Approval – August 8, 2013 Agenda

Director McCulloch requested that the Golf Report be moved on the agenda; after the Park Superintendents report. McCulloch said staff provided commissioners with an updated Intergovernmental Agreement related to the Milford Road Crossing.

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy, supported by Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners approve the August 8, 2013 agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval – August 8, 2013 Consent Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners approve items A – F on the August 8, 2013 consent agenda to include the following: Vouchers – June; Financial Statements – June; Bids – North Entrance Reconstruction, Willow Metropark; Milford Road Crossing Cost Share, Kensington Metropark; Capture of Taxes – Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) for City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, El Moore Greens and Macomb County Brownfield Development Authority, City of Eastpointe; and donations.

Chairman La Belle called for a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Voting Yes: Commissioners La Belle, Marans, McCarthy, Quadrozzi, Lester, Marrocco
Voting No: None
Absent: Commissioner Hertel

Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

6. Legislative Report

Legislative Consultant George Carr reported that the Legislature is in summer recess until the end of August; and that the only legislation currently in play was the expansion of Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act.

It was moved by Commissioner Lester, supported by Commissioner McCarthy that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Legislative Report as presented by George Carr.

7. Update – Park Superintendents

Kim Jarvis, Western Park District Superintendent, Mike Lyons, Eastern Park District Superintendent and Jim Pershing, Southern Park District Superintendent provided the commissioners with updates on various programs and events that occurred at parks in their districts.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner McCarthy that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the updates given by the District Park Superintendents.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Golf Report

Park Operations Manager Jerry Cyr provided the Board with an update on golf throughout the Metroparks.

Further discussion was held on this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner McCarthy that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the golf update as presented by Park Operations Manager Jerry Cyr.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Reports

A. Administrative Office

1. 2013 – 2014 Tax Levy Report

Chief Accountant Rebecca Franchock reported that the final 2013 Taxable Value figures used for the calculation of the Metroparks' 2014 tax revenues have been received from the County Treasurer's offices. It is necessary for the Board of Commissioners to certify the requested tax levy rate to each member county. The Metroparks' "taxable value" figure for the five counties for 2013 is \$134.904 billion, a decrease of \$626 million (0.5 percent) from the 2012 level of \$135.530 billion. Overall, the Metroparks' tax base has begun to level out overall. In applying the 2013 taxable value figures to the Headlee Millage Reduction Factor calculation formula, with the permitted inflation rate multiplier of 1.024, the Metroparks will be permitted to again levy .2146 mills for 2014. In applying the .2146 millage rate against the district's 2013 "taxable value" figures, anticipated "gross" tax revenues for 2014 will be \$28,950,466. The 2013 Budget was prepared on the basis of anticipated net tax revenues of \$27,913,937. Therefore, the Metroparks anticipates virtually no change in the 2014 Budget. This amount is also actually \$780,466 higher than the amount projected in the five-year plan. To temper this good news, the \$27.9 million anticipated for 2014 means the Metroparks will again be operating on the an amount of tax revenues slightly higher than 2002.

It was moved by Commissioner Lester, supported by Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners approve (1) the attached 2013 Tax Rate Request forms at .2146 mills; and (2) the inclusion of “net” tax revenues of \$27,910,466 in the 2014 Budget as recommended by Chief Accountant Franchock and staff.

Chairman La Belle called for a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Voting Yes: Commissioners La Belle, Marans, McCarthy, Quadrozzi, Lester, Marrocco
Voting No: None
Absent: Commissioner Hertel

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Reports

A. Administrative Office

2. Report – State of Michigan Storm Water Asset Management and Wastewater Grant (SAW)

Asset and Development Manager Michael Brahm-Henkel reported that the state of Michigan enacted legislation last year to allocate \$450 million dollars, of which \$97 million dollars is available in fiscal year 2014, to provide grants and loans for the implementation of storm water, sanitary, and asset management plan development. Grants are available up to \$2 million dollars per municipality with a 10 percent match for the first million and a 25 percent match for the second million. Funding for the asset management program can be used for a GIS data system including, hardware, software, training, and data acquisition as it relates to sanitary and storm water. Details of the program have yet to be finalized; staff has used the past few months to work in conjunction with our consultants on collecting and formulating the necessary information required for the application. As part of the Grant agreement, it will be necessary to receive Resolution authorized by the Board before the Dec. 2, 2013 deadline.

Further discussion was held on this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Lester that the Board of Commissioners receive and file State of Michigan Storm water Asset Management and Wastewater Grant report as recommended by Manager of Assets and Development, Mike Brahm-Henkel and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. National Public Lands Day

Director McCulloch reported that National Public Lands Day (NLPD) would be held on Saturday, Sept. 28; and he requested the Board approve the Metroparks participate in National Public Lands Day and defer to the director, to work with staff to determine which parks would participate in this one-day recognition.

Further discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Marrocco that the Board of Commissioners approve waiving park entry fees on Sept. 28, 2013 to support National Public Lands Day as recommended by Director John P. McCulloch and staff.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

10. Closed Session

At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on August 8, 2013, It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Lester that the Board of Commissioners immediately adjourn to a closed session to consult with attorneys regarding pending litigation. [Section 8\(e\) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. M.C.L 15.268 \(e\).](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Voting Yes: Commissioners Marrocco, La Belle, Lester, Marans, McCarthy, Quadrozzi
Voting No: None
Absent: Commissioner Hertel

Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Commissioner Marrocco exited the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

In closed session, it was moved by Commissioner Lester, supported by Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners adjourn the closed session and immediately reconvene the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Voting yes: Commissioners Lester, La Belle, Marans, McCarthy, Quadrozzi
Voting no: None
Absent: Commissioners Hertel, Marrocco

Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:12 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Lester that the Board of Commissioners accept the recommendations by attorney's Richard Seryak and Joe Colaianne as presented in the closed session.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Director's Report

Director McCulloch reported that the Metroparks would have a booth at this year's Ford Arts, Beats & Eats and staff will be selling 2014 annual park permits.

McCulloch also reminded the commissioners about a Board Retreat that is planned for after the September and October Board meetings.

12. Other Business

None

13. Commissioner Comments

None

14. Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner McCarthy that the Board of Commissioners adjourn the regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George Phifer
Executive Secretary