

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Nature Center at Stony Creek 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 John C. Hertel Robert W. Marans Harry E. Lester Anthony V. Marrocco Jaye Quadrozzi
	Staff Officers:	
	Director	John P. McCulloch
	Executive Secretary	George Phifer
Others:	Legislative Consultant	George Carr

Chairman La Belle called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

**1. Chairman's Statement**

Chairman La Belle said there were good things happening in the Metroparks with the reappointment of Commissioners' Harry Lester and John Hertel; Commissioners McCarthy and Quadrozzi working with staff on the strategic plan; and Commissioner Marans rejoining the Pension and Retiree Health Care Trust committees. La Belle also thanked Chief Accountant Rebecca Franchock for filing in for the Controller's position; and George Phifer for doing a good job as Executive Secretary to the Board.

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**3. Minutes - August 8, 2013 Regular and Closed Meeting**

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners approve the August 8, 2013 regular and closed meeting minutes as submitted by Executive Secretary Phifer and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval – September 12, 2013 Agenda**

Commissioner Lester requested the that the upcoming auction as well as the HCMA vehicle policy be added to the agenda and that the approval of the 2014 Fees and Charges be removed from the consent agenda and added to the regular agenda.

Commissioner Marrocco requested the vouchers be removed from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy, supported by Commissioner Lester that the Board of Commissioners approve the Sept. 12, 2013 agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval – September 12, 2013 Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners approve items A, B, D, E and F on the Sept. 12, 2013 consent agenda to include the following: Financial Statements – July; Purchases – Metroparks Guide Maps, Bids – Trash Compactor Replacement at Lake St. Clair Metropark; and donations.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Regular Agenda**

**6. Legislative Report**

Legislative Consultant George Carr reported that the Legislature is back in session after two summer breaks addressing taxation and future revenues.

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Lester 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 Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Marans 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.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, 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. Approval – Restructuring Information Technology Department**

Director McCulloch presented a recommendation to the Board regarding the restructuring of the Information Technology Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Quadrozzi that the Board of Commissioners approve the restructuring of the Information Technology Department to include the positions of Infrastructure Administrator and Business Support Specialist and authorize staff to fill the vacant IT positions.

Discussion was held on this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Hertel that the Board of Commissioners amend the motion to reflect the recommendation as originally proposed by Plante Moran

Chairman La Belle called for a roll call vote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Hertel, Lester, Marrocco, La Belle

Voting No: Commissioners Marans, Quadrozzi, McCarthy

Motion to amend carried.

Chairman La Belle called for a roll call vote on the motion as amended.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Voting Yes: Commissioners La Belle, Hertel, McCarthy, Marrocco, Marans, Quadrozzi

Voting No: Commissioners Lester

Motion carried.

**10. Changes to the Regular Agenda**

**A. HCMA Auction**

Discussion was held on the status of the Metroparks auction.

**B. Employee Vehicles**

The Board discussed the Metroparks vehicle policy. Director McCulloch stated the policy would be forwarded to the Board.

**C. 2014 Fees and Charges**

The Board discussed the fees and charges for 2014.

Discussion was held on this matter.

Commissioner Marrocco suggested amending fees for golf club rental fees to \$2.00 at Lake St. Clair and Lower Huron Metroparks.

It was moved by Commissioner Quadrozzi, supported by Commissioner Hertel that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2014 Fees and Charges and to include the fee change for golf club rentals to \$2.00 at Lake St. Clair and Lower Huron Metroparks as recommended by Director McCulloch and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Vouchers**

Commissioner Marrocco commented on various voucher items for the month of August 2013.

**11. Director's Report**

None

**12. Other Business**

None

**13. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Hertel stated he has asked the Board over the past several years to consider hiring a Development Officer and that there are people out there willing to give us money. A Development Officer would be able to pay their own salary within two months if the job was done correctly.

Commissioner Lester called for a moment of silence for the people who lost their lives on 9/11.

Commissioner McCarthy said he and John were trying to schedule a meeting with Noreen Keating, with the Oakland County Foundation to discuss strategies which would help the Metroparks.

Commissioner Marans asked where things stood with the Foundation. Director McCulloch said staff is working with Richner and Richner to assist with a three-year plan for the foundation. Once the Board approves the three-year plan, staff would move forward with hiring a Development Officer.

Commissioner La Belle said part of the people who voted for the .25 millage does not understand; and that 82 percent of what we are spending is going to the government and not overstaffing.

**14. Motion to Adjourn**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Phifer".

George Phifer  
Executive Secretary