

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority was held at 10:30 A.M., E.S.T., Thursday, January 14, 2010 at HCMA's Administrative Office, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48114. The meeting convened in pursuance to a call thereof by the Executive Secretary and due notice to the HCMA Board of Commissioners.

Present: Commissioners:

John C. Hertel
John La Belle
Harry E. Lester
Robert W. Marans
Anthony V. Marrocco
Peter S. Walters

Staff Officers:

Director	James J. Bresciami
Deputy Director	David C. Moilanen
Executive Secretary	Gregory J. Almas
Controller	David L. Wahl

Others:

Legislative Consultant	George M. Carr
Land Consultant	Wayne Fetters

Absent: Commissioner Warren C. Evans

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lester at 10:32 A.M., E.S.T.

Item 1 - Chairman's Statement

Chairman Lester asked for a moment of silent prayer for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Chairman Lester announced Ms. Jayne Miller's appointment to Director which was made at the January 4, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and, on behalf of the Board, requested all to work with Ms. Miller to make the Huron-Clinton Metroparks the best in the world.

Item 2 - Public Participation

Toni Spears, HCMA volunteer, commented favorably regarding the excellent cross country skiing conditions at the Metroparks. She noted no toll booth at Huron Meadows and the potential loss of revenue. She encouraged continued control of invasive shrubbery on the trails.

Larry Nooden, CHEC, commented that when the Authority releases land the recipient government agency should compensate with cash or a equivalent land exchange.

- Item 3 - A. Minutes - December 10, 2009 - Public Budget Hearing
- B. Minutes - December 10, 2009 - Regular Meeting
- C. Minutes - December 10, 2009 - Closed Session
- D. Minutes - January 4, 2010 - Special Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Minutes of the Public Budget Hearing, Regular Meeting and Closed Session held on December 10, 2009 and the Special Meeting held on January 4, 2010 be approved as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4 - Purchases

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Marans, that the following Purchases be approved as recommended by Purchasing Manager Michael and Staff.

ITB-10-001	Compacted Waste Disposal
ITB-10-006	Golf Carts
ITB-10-011	Golf Course Hardware
ITB-10-010	Cross County Ski Equipment
Macomb Co.	
Contract MY2010	Police Sedans
State of MI Contract	
071B8200150	Police Sport Utility Vehicles
ITB-10-007	Rafts and Tubes
City of Rochester Hills	
Co-op Agreement	Dump Truck
Letter of Quotation,	
Jan. 7, 2010	EDC Service Agreement

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Marrocco, that the motion be amended to postpone items Police Sedans and Police Sport Utility Vehicles to the February 11, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Hertel, Lester, Marans, Marrocco, Walters

Voting No: Commissioner La Belle

Amending Motion carried.

Chairman Lester called the question on the original motion as amended.

Motion carried unanimous

Without objection, Chairman Lester took up item 5.F.9. Legislative Report.

Legislative Consultant Carr reported Rebecca Humphries has been appointed director of the Dept. of Natural Resources and Environment which combines the Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality.

He reported attendance at a joint session of the Environmental Committees regarding the Great Lakes Initiative and also noted State budget issues continue to grow.

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners accept the Legislative Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Reports

A. Metro Beach Metropark

1. Fall Boat Show Proposal

Deputy Director Moilanen reported a solicitation for proposals was issued November 23, 2009 and that the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) was the only bidder. Moilanen noted the MBIA proposal is to create an event to include additional outdoor recreation activities including fishing, hiking, biking and health and fitness. The proposal includes a minimum guarantee of \$25,000, 50% of admissions, 10% of exhibit space fees, a \$5,000 performance bond and a five day show. Michigan Boating Industries Association would also pay \$5,000 to utilize the north marina boating docks if the show expands. The 50% of admissions and 10% of exhibit space is subject to the minimum.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners award RFP 09-006 to the Michigan Boating Industries Association for three years (2010 - 2012) based on the proposal guarantee amount and percentages with an option to renew for an additional three years at the sole discretion of the Authority under the same terms and conditions and that staff be authorized to execute the offer and acceptance agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Marans requested Staff report back to the Board on the results of the Boat Show.

2. Parkway Maintenance Agreement - Road Commission of Macomb County

3. Hike/Bike Trail Maintenance Agreement - Clinton Township

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Marrocco, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Maintenance Agreement with the Board of County Road Commission of Macomb County for the maintenance of Metropolitan Parkway for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 and approve the Pathway Maintenance Agreement with the Charter Township of Clinton for the Period of November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010 as recommended by Deputy Director Moilanen and Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Report - Replace Fuel Storage Tank System, Park Service Area

Chief Engineer Arens reported tests indicate a leak exists in the primary inner tank of the Service Area Underground Storage Tank (UST). He said there is no evidence of fuel escaping the containment vessel. Arens reported the MDEQ was notified, MDEQ issued a notice of violation, and the tanks were emptied of fuel into temporary above ground storage tanks (AST).

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners authorize Staff to proceed with a project to replace the existing UST system with an AST system and that an appropriation from the Reserve for Future Contingencies account in the amount of \$90,000 be made as recommended by Chief Engineer Arens and Staff.

There was discussion regarding a systematic review and prioritized schedule of UST replacements throughout the Metropark system.

Commissioner Marans asked that Staff report back to the Board upon completion of the review.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Report - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Partnership

Chief of Natural Resources Muelle reported the President and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made restoring the Great Lakes a national priority. He reported the Metroparks is partnering with multiple organizations and institutions in preparing grant applications responding to the EPA's request for proposals (RFP) for grants to address the most significant Great Lake Ecosystem problems.

Muelle said the grant submittals focus on beach monitoring and near shore impairments at Metro Beach including rehabilitation of the Metropark's 53' trailer into a mobile water quality education and testing facility, the implementation of Best Management Practices at the Metro Beach parking lot, and habitat restoration and invasive species control within the coastal regions of Metro Beach and Lake Erie Metroparks.

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Great Lakes Initiative Partnership report and authorize letters of support be written for the various grant applications.

There was discussion regarding the value of communication between the various grant recipient agencies, the creation of employment opportunities and the opportunity for the Authority being a point of interest due to land holdings.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. MDNR Centralized Marina Reservation System Contract

Deputy Director Moilanen presented the Centralized Reservation System Contract with the MDNR which was a condition of the Waterways grant for the reconstruction and repair of the South Marina at Metro Beach.

It was moved by Commissioner La Belle, supported by Commissioner

Marans, that the Board of Commissioners approve HCMA entering into the contract with the MDNR which describes the Michigan Centralized Reservation system's process for the reservation of and payment for Boat slips at the Marinas of Metro Beach as presented by Deputy Director Moilanen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Marrocco suggested payments be only by cash or credit card, no checks.

B. Wolcott Mill Metropark

1. Bids - House Demolition

Chief Engineer Arens reported the work includes demolition of existing structures located at 21090 28 Mile Road and 17240 31 Mile Road.

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners approve a purchase order be issued to the low bidder, De Buck Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$11,450.50 and that \$1,000 of Capital Improvement funds be returned to the Reserve Account as recommended by Chief engineer Arens and Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report - Proposed Dam Removal Project

Chief of Natural Resources Muelle reported that funding has been received from the USFWS Fish Passage Program to remove two dams located on the North Branch of the Clinton River including the dam at the end of the Mill race just east of the Wolcott Mill. Muelle noted the MDNR will be responsible for all management and construction activities and no HCMA funds are involved.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Dam Removal Project report.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval- Revised Master Plan

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Marrocco, that the Board of Commissioners postpone the item Wolcott Mill Metropark, Approval- Revised Master Plan, to the May regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, so that Commissioners could first do a site visit to the park.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Stony Creek Metropark

1. Land Purchase Request - North Macomb Sportsmen's Club

John Oldani, NMSC Ex-Officio, requested HCMA sell 30 acres on the NE corner of Inwood and Mt. Vernon roads to the NMSC. He said the purpose is to provide a primitive camping site for youth groups like the Boy Scouts, a roving archery site and a group picnic area.

Chief Planner Nyquist noted the need for a natural features

inventory to be completed and the concern of a conversion issue with grant agencies such as the DNR.

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners direct Staff to further investigate the potential of a sale including a natural features inventory and to authorize Staff to conduct further discussions with the North Macomb Sportsmen's Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Kensington Metropark

1. Letter of Support - Village of Milford, Skate Park Grant Application

Chief Planner Nyquist reported the Village of Milford intends to submit a grant request to construct a skate park on land leased to the Village by the Authority. Nyquist noted the lease agreement requires Authority approval of any development on the property and that the Authority reserves that right, however, Staff believes this to be good use of the property.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners authorize Staff to provide a Letter of Support to the Village of Milford for inclusion with a grant application as recommended by Chief Planner Nyquist and Staff.

Commissioner Marrocco left the meeting room.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Marrocco returned to the meeting room.

E. Lake Erie Metropark

1. Report - Restoration Project, Rouge River Oil Spill Grant Programs

Chief of Natural Resources Muelle reported that an oil spill from an unknown source ("mystery" spill) occurred in the Rouge River in April, 2002. Muelle said that under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 those affected can seek funding for restoration of affected natural resources. Muelle reported three restoration projects were submitted by the Authority through the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard's National Pollution Funds Center.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Hertel, that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Restoration Project, Rouge River Oil Spill Grant Program report.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Administrative Office

1. Medicare Part D Subsidy

It was moved by Commissioner La Belle, supported by Commissioner Marrocco, that the Board of Commissioners approve transfer of \$37,347.82 in Medicare Part D reimbursements to the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund in accordance with Board practice established June, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report - 2009 Park User Counts

Chief Planner Nyquist reported that planning staff conducted on a pilot basis, a series of park user and facility inventories where actual "counts" of patrons took place during peak season. She stated the data will assist in right sizing facilities, cost saving measures with minimal service impact, verifying average persons/vehicle assumptions and other purposes.

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the 2009 Park User Count report.

Commissioner Marrocco commented on the opportunity to use Macomb Community College students to do counts for the east side Metroparks.

Commissioner Marans commented positively on the pilot program and suggested a complete report on the results be provided the Commissioners and that a study be conducted every few years.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2010 Property/Casualty Insurance Coverages

Controller Wahl presented a summary schedule of the 2010 Property/Casualty Insurance coverages indicating the 2010 renewal premiums for the 15 property/casualty insurance policies will total \$771,109, which is a \$23,763 (3.2%) increase compared to 2009 premiums.

Wahl reported 14 of the 15 policies were constant or experienced small premium reductions. Offsetting these premium reductions, he said, was an increase in Worker's Compensation premiums of \$39,000 (15%) to \$298,587 due to a change in the modification factor from .70 to .81 based on deteriorated claim experience for the rating years of 2006, 2007 and 2008.

He indicted the Authority's general pollution liability policy which is written on a five year basis was renewed for \$63,849, a \$26,911 (30%) reduction from 2005's premium.

Controller Wahl indicated Haig Neville, Insurance Consultant, has reviewed the coverages and reports the Authority's insurance program continues to benefit from stable relationships with various insurance carriers, continues to be placed with highly rated insurance companies at competitive pricing, and recommends the Board's acceptance of the 2010 insurance proposals.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2010 Insurance Coverages as detailed on the Insurance Summary and as recommended by

Controller Wahl and Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2010 Liability Indemnification Resolution

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Liability Indemnification Resolution as presented by Controller Wahl.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Donations (7)

It was moved by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners formally accept the following donations and that letters of appreciation be sent.

\$420.00 cash donation for the Junior Farmer Program at Kensington Metropark Farm Center from Excelda Manufacturing Co., Inc..

Donation of posts, supplies and material for informational Kiosk, material for split rail fence, and eye bolts for picket fence at Kensington Metropark from the Kensington Metropark Trail Riders Association.

\$300.00 cash donation for a tree in memory of Bob Watts, at Stony Creek Metropark from Gloria M. Watts.

Wicker baby buggy for display at Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center from Nelson Werderman.

Corn shocking tree, horse drawn row marker, wagon tongue and a wood stone boat to be used for display at Wolcott Mill Metropark from Craig Busch.

A Nigerian dwarf goat for the Kensington Metropark Farm Center from William & Diane Draper.

\$500.00 cash donation for helmets for "Wear the Gear Program" at the Metroparks from the Downriver Cycling Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Revised 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Hertel, that the Board of Commissioners approve the amended 2010 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule changing the April 8, 2010 meeting location to Indian Springs Metropark.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Walters left the meeting room.

7. 2010 BINZ Appropriation Adjustments

Chief of Interpretive Services George reported the 2010 Budget

anticipated continuing the joint operating agreement at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo. George presented a 2010 BINZ Appropriation Adjustments Summary detailing proposed budget adjustments due to termination of the agreement. He noted reassignment of the two BINZ employees, a reduction in part time employee hours, anticipated attrition in Staff, and continuing programming efforts and obligations to Detroit area schools.

It was moved by Commissioner Hertel, supported by Commissioner Marans, that the Board of Commissioners approve the appropriation adjustments as detailed and recommended by Chief of Interpretive Services George and Staff.

There was discussion regarding retention of the displaced employees and the corresponding reduction of part-time employee hours.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Retiree Health Care Premium Cost Share

It was moved by Commissioner Marrocco, supported by Commissioner Hertel, that the Board of Commissioners authorize Staff to proceed with development and implementation of Retiree Health Care Premium Cost Share as recommended by Human Resources Officer Johnstone and Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Legislative Report

This item was taken up previously in the agenda.

10. Resolution - Michigan Liquor Control Commission Authorization

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Marrocco, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Michigan Liquor Commission Authorization Resolution as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 - Director's Comments

Director Bresciami reported receipt of the 2009 Leadership in Safety Award presented by CNA Insurance for the Authority's commitment to Risk Management and Loss prevention.

Director Bresciami noted this would be his last meeting as Director and again expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Board and all Metropark employees in improving the quality of life for the residents of Southeast Michigan.

Item 7 - Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Hertel expressed sincere sentiment with regard to Director Bresciami's retirement.

Commissioner La Belle expressed sincere sentiment with regard to Director Bresciami's retirement.

Commissioner Marrocco expressed sincere sentiment with regard to Director Bresciami's retirement.

Commissioner Marrocco indicated he was out of town over the holiday season and, therefore, unaware of the special meeting to appoint the Authority Director and that he was dismayed the matter was not delayed and taken up at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Lester stated the Director Selection Sub Committee had been working diligently on this matter since August, that the incoming candidate needed to provide proper and sufficient notice to her current employer and that it was the Chair's decision to call the Special Meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Marans, supported by Commissioner Hertel, that the Board of Commissioners bestow the title of Director Emeritus upon James Bresciami, reflecting the respect and gratitude of the Board of Commissioners, Authority employees and citizens of Southeast Michigan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lester expressed sincere sentiment with regard to Director Emeritus Bresciami's retirement and on behalf of the Board wished Director Emeritus James Bresciami, his wife and family the best in retirement.

Item 8 - Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Almas
Executive Secretary

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