Minutes Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board of Commission Meeting March 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the Administrative Office.

Commissioners Present: Jaye Quadrozzi

Bernard Parker John Paul Rea Robert W. Marans Tiffany Taylor

Staff Officers Present:

Director Amy McMillan
Deputy Director Michael Lyons

Others:

Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone Steve Mann

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Quadrozzi called the meeting to order at 12:44pm.

2. Chairman's Statement

None.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Approval – February 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval – February 9, 2023 closed session meeting minutes

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval - March 9, 2023 Full Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the March 9, 2023 full agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval - Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the March 9, 2023 consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

8. Reports

A. Administrative Department

1. Employee of the Year awards

This has been postponed to a later date.

2. Report – Metroparks Climate Action Plan Update, Dr. Elizabeth Perry Dr. Perry updated the Board of Commissioners on the context and community alignment of the Climate Action Plan, detailing the data collected from eighteen staff and community focus groups with 203 participants and two surveys completed by 4,220 participants.

Discussion: Commissioner Marans asked if the survey data was weighted to representation by county. Dr. Perry responded that the survey data was weighted by race and gender total, but that the results by county could be made available.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Metroparks Climate Action Plan update by Dr. Elizabeth Perry

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Department Updates

1. Report – Natural Resources Update

Chief of Natural Resources and Regulatory Compliance Tyler Mitchell updated the Board of Commissioners on the Deer Herd and Ecosystem Management Plan and the Spotted Lanternfly Early Detection and Response Project Grant Award.

Discussion-Commissioner Marans asked what resistance there is to the deer herd management program. Director McMillan responded that there is a specific program to answer questions and concerns that has been effective the last few years.

Commissioner Marans asked if the venison donation is being publicized and Director McMillan responded that the work that has been done is reported at the end of the year and that some media outlets choose to publicize, and some do not.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the monthly Natural Resources report as recommended by Chief of Natural Resources and Regulatory Compliance, Tyler Mitchell, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report – Marketing Update

Chief of Marketing Danielle Mauter updated the Board of Commissioners highlighting activities that took place in the Marketing department during the month.

Discussion: Commissioner Rea said that if there's any cross-promotion needed for Women's History Month to please let them know.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the February 2023 Marketing Report as recommended by Chief of Marketing, Danielle Mauter, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Report – Planning and Development Update

Director McMillan updated the Board of Commissioners highlighting the grant applications presented and the report by the Planning and Development department.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Planning & Development Monthly Update as recommended by Chief of Planning and Development Sarah Plumer, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Lake St. Clair Metropark North Marina as recommended by Chief of Planning and Development Sarah Plumer, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Lake St. Clair Metropark Daysail Trail Development as recommended by Chief of Planning and Development Sarah Plumer, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Willow Metropark Big Bend Fishing Area Improvements as recommended by Chief of Planning and Development Sarah Plumer, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Identification of Opportunities for Stormwater Management in Wayne County as recommended by Chief of Planning and Development Sarah Plumer, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Report – Interpretive Services Update

Chief of Interpretive Services Jennifer Jaworski updated the Board of Commissioners highlighting activities that took place in the Interpretive Services department during the month.

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Interpretive Services Department Monthly updated as recommended by Chief of Interpretive Services, Jennifer Jaworski, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Report – DEI Update

Chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Artina Carter updated the Board of Commissioners highlighting activities that took place in the DEI department during the month.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the March 2023 DEI Report as recommended by Chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Artina Carter, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Financial Department

1. Report - Monthly Financial Report

Chief of Finance Shedreka Miller updated the Board of Commissioners on the monthly financial report.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the monthly Financial Review as submitted by Chief of Finance, Shedreka Miller, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Engineering Department

1. Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the easement request from Ray Township as recommended by Chief of Engineering Services, Mike Henkel, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners award Contract No. 706-22-200 to the low responsive, responsible bidder, Al's Asphalt Paving Company, in the amount of \$568,837.50 as recommended by Chief of Engineering Services, Mike Henkel, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Natural Resources

1. Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners award ITB 2023-006 to Goose Busters of Holly, Michigan for Geese management at Stony Creek, Kensington, and Lake St. Clair Metroparks for a two-year contract with up to three (3) one-year extension options; total cost for the first year is \$40,833 as recommended by Chief of Natural Resources and Regulatory Compliance, Tyler Mitchell, and staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Leadership Update- Director McMillan updated the Board of Commissioners on the awards being received at mParks for the Interpretive Services and Marketing departments and the nomination of local elected official, Candace Miller, Macomb County Public Works Commissioner, that progress is being made with Climate Action Plan, and thanks the Board for accommodations and understanding with adjustments to this board meeting due to the Covid outbreak in the Administrative Office.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Public Participation

None.

12. Commissioner Comments

None.

13. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor, that the Board of Commissioners adjourn the regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary