

**Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Board of Commission Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.
Oakwoods Nature Center**

A regular meeting of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center.

Commissioners Present:

Bernard Parker
Jaye Quadrozzi
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Robert W. Marans
John Paul Rea
Tiffany Taylor
William Bolin
Stephen Pontoni

Staff Officers Present:

Director
Deputy Director
Chief of Finance

Amy McMillan
Mike Lyons
Shedreka Miller

Commissioners Absent:

Others:

Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone

Steve Mann

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Parker called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. Chairman's Statement

Commissioner Parker stated the ribbon cutting early this morning was a great way to demonstrate the support from the grant received to complete the project.

3. Public Participation

XC Skiing Program at Huron Meadows representative, Ken Roth, presented an update on the ski program.

Commissioner Quadrozzi asked if there is currently a trail camera. Ken stated there is not one installed.

Commissioner Marans asked Ken if he has thought about the implications of climate change. Ken responded we are going to have make accommodations for winter sports, snow making will be required.

4. Approval – April 11, 2024 Regular & Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Pontoni, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the regular meeting and closed session minutes as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval – May 9, 2024 Full Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Quadrozzi, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the full agenda as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

6. Approval – May 9, 2024 Consent Agenda

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. Reports

A. Administrative Department

1. Approval – Moment Strategies Contract Renewal

Discussion: Chief of Marketing and Communications, Danielle Mauter introduced Moment Strategies representatives Alexis Wiley and Rachel Felice to present the Moment Strategies Contract Renewal.

Commissioner Marans asked where the upcoming op-ed piece is being targeted. Moment Strategies representative, Alexis Wiley responded it will most likely be in the Detroit News due to their reach. Moment Strategies representative, Rachel Felice stated they will also be pitching to other outlets.

Commissioner Rea thanked the Moment Strategies team for their efforts and integrating with the Metroparks communications team

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the Moment Strategies Contract Renewal as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report – Spotlight: Intrepretive Services

Discussion: Chief of Intrepretive Services, Jennifer Jaworski presented Intrepretive Services Department spotlight.

Commissioner Marans asked if there are any other similar partnerships like the Detroit Library partnership. Chief of Intrepretive Services, Jennifer Jaworski confirmed we have other similar partnerships like the library network and suburban cooperative, Michigan activity pass, as well as other partnerships.

Director McMillan recognized Chief of Intrepretive Services, Jennifer Jaworski for her outstanding work.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Intrepretive Services Department spotlight as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval – Electric Vehicles for Southern District Interpretive Programming

Discussion: Purchasing Supervisor, Travis Grubb presented the Electric Vehicles for Southern District Intrepretive Programming.

Commissioner Pontoni asked if being Michigan or US made was a determining factor. Purchasing Supervisor, Travis Grubb stated there were a total of 5 vehicles in consideration. The pricing, safety ratings, warranty and storage were factors.

Commissioner Marans asked what type of reporting will be made after the vehicles are in place. Deput Director, Mike Lyons responded we are going to have two public facing and two internal charging stations. We are going to pilot charging locations in each district as the next steps. More reporting will be presented.

Commissioner Bolin asked if Ford's loss of production will affect delivery. Director McMillan stated that we have carefully reviewed all options.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Electric Vehicles for Southern District Interpretive Programming as submitted.

Commissioner Bolin voted no.

Motion carried.

B. Financial Department

1. Approval - 2023 Pension Valuation, GASB 67/68, 2024 Contribution

Discussion: Chief of Finance, Shedreka Miller presented the 2023 Pension Valuation, GASB 67/68, 2024 Contribution for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2023 Pension Valuation, GASB 67/68, 2024 Contribution as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval - 2023 Retiree Health Care Trust Valuation, GASB 74/75, 2024 Contribution

Discussion: Chief of Finance, Shedreka Miller presented the 2023 Retiree Health Care Trust Valuation, GASB 74/75, 2024 Contribution for approval.

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the 2023 Retiree Health Care Trust Valuation, GASB 74/75, 2024 Contribution as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Report – Monthly Financial Report

Discussion: Chief of Finance, Shedreka Miller presented the Monthly Financial Report.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Department Updates

1. Report – DEI Update

Discussion: Chief of DEI, Artina Carter presented the DEI Department Update.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the DEI Department Update as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report – Marketing Update

Discussion: Chief of Marketing & Communications, Danielle Mauter presented the Marketing Department Update.

Commissioner Parker asked if we are still offering the trade up program. Chief of Marketing & Communications, Danielle Mauter confirmed the program is continuing.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Marketing Department Update as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Report - Natural Resources Update

Discussion: Chief of Natural Resources, Katie Carlise presented the Natural Resources Department Update.

Commissioner Quadrozzi asked how many Massasauga rattlesnakes were caught in the study. Chief of Natural Resources, Katie Carlise responded 4 were caught at Indian Springs and 10 at Kensington.

Motion by Commissioner Quadrozzi, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Natural Resources Department Update as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Report – Planning and Development Update

Discussion: Chief of Planning & Development, Janet Briles presented the Planning & Development Department Update.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Marans that the Board of Commissioners receive and file the Planning & Development Department Update as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Planning & Development

1. Approval - Maintenance Agreement with WCPARC for Ancillary Trail Features along the B2B

Discussion: Chief of Planning & Development, Janet Briles presented the Maintenance Agreement with WCPARC for Ancillary Trail Features along the B2B.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Maintenance Agreement with WCPARC for Ancillary Trail Features along the B2B as submitted.

Commissioner Marans abstained from voting.

Motion carried.

2. Approval - EGLE Recycling Grant

Discussion: Chief of Planning & Development, Janet Briles presented the EGLE Recycling Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Marans, support from Commissioner Rea that the Board of Commissioners approve the EGLE Recycling Grant as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Engineering

1. Approval – Lake St. Clair Electrical Load Study

Discussion: Chief of Engineering Services, Mike Henkel presented the Lake St. Clair Electrical Load Study.

Motion by Commissioner Rea, support from Commissioner Taylor that the Board of Commissioners approve the Lake St. Clair Electrical Load Study as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Participation

Dave Wahl thanked the board of commissioners for continuing to fund the pension plan.

9. Other Business

Director McMillan commented on the action from the pension meeting today. The study with GBS will focus on the cost of evaluation of cost of living for retirees. Chief of Finance, Shedreka Miller will work the consultants and will come back to the board in August for approval.

10. Leadership Update

Director McMillan stated the police department has done an extraordinary job in Detroit at the NFL draft; the PD will present a spotlight next month. Memorial Day weekend prep is underway, we are looking forward to the upcoming season!

Commissioner Parker asked if we will be hosting a legislative event this year. Director McMillan stated we will not be hosting one due to the election year.

11. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bolin asked if there have been any protests at the parks and do we have a plan in place. Director McMillan stated there have been no protests, and yes, we have a plan in place.

12. Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Micaela Vasquez
Recording Secretary