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Dwight Washington, BOC Rep.

Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.

Bob Kudwa, Planning Comm. Rep.

James Graham, Pat Jackson and

Andrea Polverento, Citizen Rep.



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MINUTES

Friday, January 11, 2019 (8:30 am)

Board of Commissioners Room (2nd Floor), Clinton County Courthouse

100 E. State Street St. Johns, MI 48879

I. Call to Order - Declaration of Quorum

Chair Tim Machowicz declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 8:33 am.

Members present: Tim Machowicz, Chuck Nelson, Dwight Washington, Dave Pohl, James Graham, Andrea Polverento, Pat Jackson, Phil Hanses

Guests Present: Kelcie Sweeney, Seth Gibson, Kurt Wolf

A. Approval of January, 2019 Agenda

Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by Pat Jackson, to approve the January 11, 2019 meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

B. Approval January 11, 2019 Per Diems

Moved by Andrea Polverento, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the January 11, 2019 meeting Per Diems. Motion carried.

C. Approval of December 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Dave Pohl, seconded by James Graham, to approve the December 7, 2018 meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

II. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items

Kelcie Sweeney – The Clinton Conservation District annual meeting will take place on March 12, 2019 at Agro-Liquid in St. Johns. The tree sale will take place in late April.

Controlled burn at Clinton Lakes County Park – The timing of the burn was discussed. CCD and PGSC are leaning towards a spring burn or possibly just burning the north half of the grassland in the spring. Kurt Wolf mentioned that grasslands typically take 5 years to develop a proper fuel load so the timing is right. Inter-seeding after the burn could take place, cost estimates are around \$160/acre.

Moved by Chuck Nelson, seconded by James Graham to moving forward with at least a partial spring burn.

The Mid-Michigan CISMA was awarded two grants to coordinate future invasive species management projects.

III. Coordinator's Report – Tom Olson

IV. Committee Reports

A. Water Based Recreation – Phil Hanses

The intercounty drain project is continuing on the Looking Glass River to clear log jams.

B. Non-Motorized Facilities – Chuck Nelson/Dave Pohl

- County-wide NMF Plan / Trails Advisory Council
- FMCIS Trail

Tom Olson will be attending a meeting at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to discuss a potential non-motorized facility route along the US127 or Old-27 corridor. Commissioner Washington will also be attending.

C. Universal Access – Dwight Washington

Commissioner Washington is continuing his work on developing a 'Health Committee' for the PGSC. The PGSC should look to partner and promote with the DNR (Sleepy Hollow) in regards to their centennial celebration.

D. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz

End of the year is still waiting on a few invoices to finish processing. Most of the remaining balance comes from temporary/seasonal wages. The PGSC supported hiring the summer intern early to work on projects in the spring and help prep for the busy operating season.

E. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson/Jim Graham

The PGSC suggested renting an operator to mechanically remove autumn olive and other pest species to prep the demo area and clean the southeastern shoreline of Big Clinton Lake.

F. Southern County Park Search Team

Tom Olson presented a newly activated sand and gravel operation in Riley Twp. He will reach out to the operator about setting up a tour and discuss any potential acquisition opportunities that may exist at the site.

G. Health Committee – Dwight Washington

Commissioner Washington discussed the PGSC supporting 'National Get-Outdoors Day' as an opportunity for school-aged users to experience the Clinton County Parks and Green Space system. An early to mid-week day early in the season could accommodate before peak season. Tom Olson will also reach out to the YMCA triathlon group that has used Motz/Clinton Lakes County Parks as a training group in the past.

V. Old Business

A. Grant Update

The PGSC did not receive funding for its 2018 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application. Tom Olson discussed options for 2019 and believes that the LWCF is the best route. The priorities for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant remain urban development and the Governor's Showcase Trail, neither of which favor Clinton County. Chuck Nelson discussed looking into acquisition grants as well as they have been funded at a high rate in recent years.

VI. New Business

A. 2019 Park Projects

Tom Olson discussed some of the projects to be completed in during the 2019 season. Some of these projects were slated for grant funding and will be removed from the next development grant application.

These projects include:

- Improving the trails at Clinton Lakes Park to create access to future amenities
- Building the storm shelter on the west side of Big Clinton Lake
- Continuing to make culvert crossing improvements to connect the trails at Clinton Lakes Park to the native grassland site
- Installing sidewalk improvements at Motz and Clinton Lakes Parks
- Creating better boating access at Clinton Lakes Park similar to the drop-off at Motz Park
- Installing bike racks at Clinton Lakes Park
- Improving the future 'Rustic Group Camping Area' at Clinton Lakes Park
- Planting shade trees at Clinton Lakes Park

VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting: February 8, 2019 at 8:30 am,
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Motion by Andrea Polverento, seconded by Pat Jackson to adjourn the meeting until Friday, February 8, 2019 at 8:30am at the courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am