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Dave Pohl, BOC Rep.

Kevin Holt, CCRC Rep.

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James Graham, Pat Jackson,

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MINUTES

Friday, February 7, 2020 (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 called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Members Present: Tim Machowicz, Chuck Nelson, Dwight Washington, Dave Pohl, James Graham, Pat Jackson, Kevin Holt, Phil Hanses

Guests Present: Elaine Suter, Seth Gibson, Gayla Phillips, Dennis Phillips

Staff Present: Jerry Jaloszynski

A. Approval of February 7, 2020 Agenda

Moved by Pat Jackson, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the February 7, 2020 Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

B. Approval of February 7, 2020 Per Diems

Moved by Pat Jackson, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the February 7, 2020 Meeting Per Diems. Motion carried.

C. Approval of January 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Kevin Holt, seconded by Dave Pohl, to approve the January 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

II. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

III. Coordinator's Report – Jerry Jaloszynski

Jerry gave a report on the search for a new coordinator..

IV. Committee Reports

A. Water Based Recreation – Phil Hanses

Friends of Maple River have set April 18 as their cleanup day and are planning a float trip on July 15th. Hanses attended DeWitt Township board meeting to talk about the township taking on a project to clear log jams from the Looking Glass River through the township. This would complement the work being done by the intercounty drainage board further upstream.

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

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

Dave reported that discussions regarding the trail surface seem to be leaning towards a crushed asphalt surface. Chuck talked with Laura Underhill, coordinator for DNR recreation trails and conservation assistance program, about the possibility of developing a strategic plan for the trail. Will invite to future meeting to talk about services they might provide. There is a possibility of developing a strategic plan for the trail.

- C. Universal Access – Dwight Washington
Friends of Park Lake working on fundraising to install assessable canoe launch. Chuck questioned whether they have looked at available grants.
- D. Finance Committee – Tim Machowicz
Financial report was reviewed. There was a question about time frame for hiring new staff for the summer.
- E. Grassland Committee – Chuck Nelson/Jim Graham
Pheasants have been spotted in the grassland area.
- F. Southern County Park Search Team
- G. Health Committee – Dwight Washington
Dwight would like to invite Clay Summers to speak at one of the next two meetings. It was suggested to allow 20 to 30 minutes for a presentation.

V. Old Business

- A. 5-Year Plan
Jerry submitted the draft plan before the deadline. He did get a response and is now working on updates. The final submittal will soon be ready for upload.
- B. L&WCF Grant – Jerry Jaloszynski
Jerry is working on this and needs five additional documents. This application should soon be ready for upload to the DNR site.
- C. MNRTF Acquisition Grant – Jerry Jaloszynski
Jerry visited site with Tom but has not started an application yet. Notice for Public hearing is required and will be held at the March 31 Board of Commissioner's meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. Regional Trails Discussion
Chuck will try to get someone to attend the April meeting to talk about regional trails.
- B. Portuguese Water Dog Club of America – Request for use of Big Clinton Lake for event – Elaine Suter
Ms. Suter spoke on the trials the club does with the dogs. They are looking for a site to hold a national event in 2021. Much discussion ensued.
Moved by Chuck Nelson, seconded by Pat Jackson, to approve the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America's use of the Big Clinton Lake beach in August of 2021. Motion carried.

VII. Public Comments – Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

- VIII. **Adjournment** –Next Meeting: Friday, March 6, 2020 at 8:30 am
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Moved by Phil Hanes, seconded by Dave Pohl, to adjourn the meeting until Friday, March 6, 2020. Motion carried.