

**Minutes of the regular scheduled meeting of the Mid-Michigan Aquatic  
Recreational Authority held Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at Isabella County  
Commission on Aging, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, MI**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by John Zang at 5:10 p.m.

Members present: Allison Chiodini, Mark Stansberry, Lisa Diaz Sytsema, Judy Wagley, John Zang.

Others Present: Mark Stuhldreher

Others Present Virtually: Nate Watson (PFM), Paul Stauder (PFM), Patrick McGow (Miller Canfield), Emily Barr (Miller Canfield), Stu Isaac (Isaac Sports Group)

Members absent: Stan Shingles

**Approval of Agenda**

Allison noted an amendment to the agenda to add financial/payment approvals at the end of Old Business.

Judy Wagley made a motion to approve the amended agenda, supported by Mark Stansberry, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: Chiodini, Stansberry, Diaz Sytsema, Wagley, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: Shingles

Motion carried

**Public input on agenda items**

None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Oct 12, 2023 MMARA Board Meeting**

Allison Chiodini made a motion supported by Judy Wagley, to approve the Meeting Minutes from the October 12, 2023 MMARA Board Meeting.

Ayes: Chiodini, Stansberry, Diaz Sytsema, Wagley, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: Shingles

Motion carried

**Attendance/Members Present Update**

Stan Shingles present

**New Business**

**BOND FINANCING OPTIONS DISCUSSION**

Nate Watson with PFM Financial Advisors led discussion on bond financing options and preliminary projections for unlimited tax bond.

Patrick McGow with Miller Canfield discussed the voting boundary and the territory of the Authority as is written in the statute and our Articles of Incorporation are written, that it shall include all of the territory within each municipality that is a part of this Authority. In order for the

bond vote to pass, it must pass with a majority in each of the three separate participating municipalities.

Patrick McGow with Miller Canfield presented the proposed draft of the bond ballot language for review and discussion. Miller Canfield will issue a Resolution to include the final ballot language for approval and certification at our next MMARA board meeting on Wed, Nov 15.

John Zang raised the question on the due date for submitting the Resolution (certified ballot language) to the County Clerk, as Patrick McGow noted the date to be December 5, 2023, and John was referred to the State of Michigan, Secretary of State's timetable by County Clerk Minde Lux for the submission due date. Miller Canfield to review, confirm and advise.

#### **Attendance/Members Present Update**

Patrick McGow and Emily Barr leave meeting

Nate Watson with PFM Financial Advisors led discussion on bond financing options and preliminary projections for unlimited tax bond.

Stu Isaac presented updates on operating cost model. Stu is also working on updates to the facility construction cost projections based on recent aquatic facility construction bids, and will have an updated total facility cost projection prior to our next MMARA meeting on Nov 15, 2023.

#### **Attendance/Members Present Update**

Mark Stuhldreher, Nate Watson, and Paul Stauder leave meeting.

#### **Old Business**

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES – Financial & Fundraising**

Lisa Diaz Sytsema provided an update on current funds raised to date along with the allocation of those funds for engaged consultant fees, and marketing campaign.

Stan Shingles made a motion supported John Zang to approve payment on retainer fee to Byrum Fisk for the total sum of \$10,500.00

Ayes: Chiodini, Shingles, Stansberry, Diaz Sytsema, Wagley, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously

#### **Announcements on MMARA Board related issues and concerns:**

The next regularly scheduled monthly board meeting will be on Wednesday Nov 15, 2023 at 5:15 pm, and will be conducted in person at Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mt Pleasant, Isabella County, MI.

The December monthly board meeting was rescheduled from Wed Dec 20 to Wed Dec 13, 2023 at 5:15 pm, and will be conducted in person at Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mt Pleasant, Isabella County, MI.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Allison Chiodini and supported by Mark Stansberry to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Chiodini, Shingles, Stansberry, Diaz Sytsema, Wagley, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Allison Chiodini, Secretary