

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order in the Board Conference Room at the Oceana County Building by Chairperson Erickson on Thursday, February 10th, 2022, at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Mr. Beggs, Mr. Christians, Mr. Morse. Mr. Walker and Mr. Hardy; Ms. Meyette and Mr. Erickson. Absent: None.

Also present were: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald Journal correspondent; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission; Mr. Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township resident; Mr. Tim Scovill, Crystal Township resident.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda.

Mr. Erickson noted that the agenda had changed. Mr. McKeen would not be presenting an update on the Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, but would provide an update regarding the Crystal Dam and Pond.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Morse to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public comment

Mr. Garry McKeen, Parks and Recreation Commission, reported that the kickoff meeting for the Marshville Dam Project occurred yesterday, with 21 people present. Bids for construction will go out in December of 2022 and the construction will begin in March of 2023.

Dr. Sobie requested Consideration of a proposed resolution reappointing members to the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board. The individuals recommended for the reappointment are Mr. Larry VanSickle and Ms. Lucinda Shafer.

Mr. Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township resident, speaking for Crystal Township Supervisor expressed that he felt that the dam and its watershed must be repaired, and that several other Crystal Township citizens have shared the same sentiment. Mr. Hyslop thanked the former Crystal Township Supervisor Mr. Connelly Bowling for maintaining the dam in the early 2000's. He also thanked Senator Bumstead for introducing Senate Bill 565, the Protect Michigan Water Support Plan.

Mr. Tim Scovill, Crystal Township resident expressed his desire for the repair of the Crystal Valley dam and for the pond to be preserved. He also offered to assistance in various ways.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk