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CALL TO ORDER

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. I'd like to call to order this Special Meeting of the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works. This is the first of two public hearings associated with the Joslin Lake Improvement Project.

We're going to first cover just some ground rule sort of things about how the hearing is going to work, and I'm going to ask Theo, the Director of the Department of Public Works to give us that lowdown.

Theo?

REMOTE MEETING GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOL

MR. EGGERMONT: Thank you.

So, I'm Theo Eggermont, Director of Public Works at Washtenaw County. The way that we'll proceed is when the public hearing starts, we will first start with any letters that we received. In this case we did not receive any letters prior to the public hearing. There's availability for that through the next public hearing as well that any letters that received, we will read at the hearing.

Next, we'll go with in person, starting the Chair will call through the comment cards. So, if you haven't had a chance to fill out a comment card and you'd

like to speak, please do that there. He'll also open it up to the floor so if anyone wants to impromptu speak, just kind of raise your hand and we'll -- the Chair will call on you.

We are also operating this as a hybrid meeting, so it's available online. We have one attendee online. And so, if we call on you, and, there's the option you can raise your hand if you'd like to speak. You do that by pressing star nine if you are entering through the phone. If -- and then once called upon, you'll press star six to unmute yourself. If you're through a computer and using windows, press Alt-Y to raise your hand. And then I will call on you, and then you'll have to find the unmute button. If you are using a Mac, you press Option-Y to raise your hand, and then I'll call on you and unmute you.

Public comment, you'll have three minutes to speak. And we'll have a timer set, and I'll give you kind of a one-minute mark just to give you an indication of where you're at. And then just as far as general guidelines for public comment, it's not a discussion back and forth. It's a time for you to speak and be heard. And then the Board may call on us to -- staff, Lauren Koloski is here. She's kind of the project leader for these Special Assessment Districts and lake improvement projects, or myself, depending on what the question is.

And so, they may call on us to respond to anything that you've presented.

With that -- oh, I should also mention in order to bring up something to the Michigan Tax Tribunal you do have to protest, and we previously had thought that just putting on a card, "I protest this hearing" was sufficient. We had a case on a different lake where the Michigan Tax Tribunal actually ruled against someone. So, we want to make sure that you have the rights available to you and can exercise those. So, if you want to protest, you have to speak. And so, we recommend that you stand up and say, "I'm protesting the Special Assessment District," and that preserves your right to take it to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

MR. SCHMIDT: Awesome. Thank you, Theo.

All right, so, yeah, so very important, if you want to reserve your right to protest to the Tax Tribunal, please fill out one of these so we have it as part of our record.

When you come up, we're going to ask you to give your name and your address before you provide your comments.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, so first item of business is approval of the agenda. Is there a motion to

approve?

MS. ROOT: So, moved.

MR. SCHMIDT: Any support?

MR. MCCRIRIE: Support.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, it's been moved and supported for our agenda. Is there any discussion or amendments?

MS. SMITH: Yeah, I would like to actually propose to add the resolution to extend the term of the contract with Clarke Aquatic Services through December 31st, 2022, for the Chain of Lakes.

MR. SCHMIDT: Would you consider that a friendly amendment?

MS. ROOT: Yes.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. MCCRIRIE: It's okay with the support.

Where are we going to insert it?

MR. SCHMIDT: I would propose that we insert it between items 10 and 11. So it'd be after the material for this particular hearing, and then we would insert the contract extension there.

Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Aye.

MS. ROOT: Aye.

MR. SCHMIDT: Opposed same sign.

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Motion carries. The agenda is approved with amendment.

All right, the next thing we're going to do, so I mentioned that this is the first of two public hearings. This first public hearing is an opportunity for us to share information about the project that's being proposed. The second hearing is specifically focused on the roll for the Special Assessment District. But that's just at a high level. So once again I'm going to call on Theo to talk about the purpose of the public hearing.

#### PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MR. EGGERMONT: Thank you.

So, this is a public hearing under Michigan Public Act 185, which sets up the Board of Public Works and also sets up how Special Assessment Districts are created. Through that, any person with an interest in a property that would be assessed, if the assessment is approved, is able to give public comment and speak their piece about how they would like the project to proceed, or if they would like it to not proceed. So, we're looking

for your comment and input during this time. Or if you'd like to support the project. So, it's an opportunity for those within the Special Assessment District to say their piece.

And then after hearing public comment the Board will decide how they want to proceed.

Let's see. So far in the process, just to give you an overview of where this has gone so far and what's coming up next, we've discussed the project with residents who've been interested in creating it. It's not something that we are for or against, but it's a service that we provide to residents that are looking to start something. So, it really comes from residents that say, "We want this; can you provide this service?"

So, we've spoken with those residents, talked about how this could be created, some of the details. And then we bring it to the Township to see if they would support it. Lyndon Township has supported this. There was a petition that was circulated and that satisfied Lyndon Township's desire or their -- it met their baseline for what they needed to pass resolution to proceed.

Then the Board of Public Works took it into their hands and said, "Okay, what do we need to make this happen? What are the details and logistics?"

Then it went to the Washtenaw County Board of



Public -- or Board of Commissioners and they have approved it. And then the Board of Public Works takes it and says, "Okay, here's when we're going to set the public hearings; here's the next steps in the process."

So, we're here tonight, as I mentioned it's here to hear objections or support for the project. The Board may revise, correct, amend, the plans or the cost estimate during the public hearing or any time up until they proceed with the final resolution at the second public hearing regarding the role.

I mentioned before the note on protesting, if you'd like to take it to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, you have to speak and note that during your public comment.

With that, I'll send it back to the Chair.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you very much, Theo.

Let's see here. All right, so that -- so now onto the meat of this, and we're going to call on Lauren who is our SME, our subject matter expert in all things lake projects oriented. So, Lauren, the floor is yours.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

MS. KOLOSKI: Thank you.

Hi. My name is Lauren Koloski. I am the environmental supervisor over Washtenaw County Public Works.

The Joslin Lake Improvement Project, which

originated in 2009, is seeking to continue with a five-year project to control the growth and reproduction of non-native aquatic invasive plants, including, but not limited to Eurasian Water Milfoil and Starry Stonewort.

The project will also work to control the growth of nuisance native aquatic plants, including but not limited to, Chara and variable pondweed.

The project will focus on maintaining the ecological health and recreational opportunities for Joslin Lake. Additionally, other items may be included which would provide support for maintaining the ecological health and recreational opportunities that will be subject to approval by the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works.

Invasive non-native plants have few or no natural predators in their non-native environments and can quickly spread, disrupting ecosystems by pushing out native species and reducing biological diversity.

We plan to manage plant growth by partnering with a lake scientist and an herbicide contractor.

An additional benefit of this project, if approved, is monitoring for harmful algal blooms. We work closely with EGLE and the local health departments to monitor and sample water as needed.

The total anticipated cost for this project is \$284,130. That's for a five-year project. The cost of

the Special Assessment District is covered by the residents who have been identified as having deeded legal access to the lakes.

The proposed project assessment will be placed on the 2022 winter taxes and continue to show up on the winter taxes until 2026 if approved. Treatment under this proposed project would cover the years 2023 to 2027.

The cost structure for this project is as follows: the waterfront property charge is \$515 per year; deeded access to the lake is \$190 per year; and the DNR is assessed at \$750 per year. If the project is approved, we will send emails to residents on when treatment is happening and provide lots of educational resources. So please find the sign-up sheet that I have up there, along with a ton of educational resources about invasive plants, natives, making sure that we're maintaining those populations as well. And please take as many as you would like out there as well.

So, add your name to my list. The Assessment District is over there as well, too. Take educational materials as you see fit, and I'll pass it back to Drew.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MR. SCHMIDT: Awesome. Thank you very much, Lauren.

So, at this point we're going to open up public

comment, and as I indicated, we're going to ask you to identify yourself and your address. And we want to make sure that our reporter gets that, so they may ask you to repeat something along the way. So don't be startled. And, oh, but we're going to do letters first. And we have no letters. No letters. Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, so I have seven cards that have been submitted. Once again, if you haven't submitted a card and you're going to want to speak and preserve your right to protest at the Tax Tribunal, please fill out a card. And if you're not going to protest, please fill out a card. If you're going to talk at all, we ask that you fill out a card.

All right, we're going to start with James Elliot.

MR. ELLIOTT: Thanks, Drew.

First of all, I started this project, the initial one in 2009, and crew, and we ran seven years on that first five-year SAD. We had some monies left over, the lake responded well, and we were able to do it for a number of extra years the funding.

Now this time we started it, and first of all I want to thank Lauren and Theo for all the help. You guys made it a lot easier than I'd ever thought, because

there's a tremendous amount of work involved in getting this started. I'd like to thank our committee; we have a committee on the lake from time to time. Three or four of the members are here tonight to support it. And I certainly appreciate their help. Without them we wouldn't have gotten all the signatures required to get the Township Board approval on this. So, I appreciate that.

The lake, if you've been out, anybody's been out on it, right now the weeds are bad with a vengeance, and a good part of the lake. I'd say a good 40 percent right now is, and as Lauren explained, the weeds are just starting to really propagate out there. And so, I'm looking forward to any input from, and I know we've got a lot of neighbors here tonight, so, keep in mind we did survey everybody on the lake. Got 62 percent approval of the residents. And it's important, you know, everybody's input. Hopefully you can answer their questions and their concerns as they have them tonight.

Other than that, thank you. I appreciate it.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. KOLOSKI: Can we have him say his address?

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you for that catch.

Your address?

MR. ELLIOTT: 3790 Homewild Drive.

MR. SCHMIDT: And that's Lyndon Township obviously?

MR. ELLIOTT: Gregory. Lyndon Township, yeah.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

Next up, Steve Bolter.

MR. BOLTER: Good evening, everybody. I'm just going to stand up so you can all hear me.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah.

MR. BOLTER: I'm actually here to protest --

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. BOLTER: -- the Special Assessment. Not that I don't think it's a worthy project, but I don't want to fund it. I'm a back lot owner on Joslin Lake. An easement to our property, which we have, is an ingress and egress. It's not lake access. We can't put up a dock. It's way overgrown, always has been. Neighbors have planted trees to impede our access to it. Sometimes it gets very confrontational. We've had law enforcement involved, and it really makes it very hard. We have small families. There's no beach area. It's not even enjoyable to use. We get to go down there with our little merry smiles on our face, walk around the goose poop, watch everybody else having fun at the edge of the water. I mean, it's just inhabitable for us. We certainly wouldn't want to step into the muck. We certainly wouldn't even

want to try to swim through the weeds and the reeds, and birds are having nests and everything.

So, I mean it's really not advantageous for us to pursue this project. I mean, I think it's a great project, just not for us to fund it, because we don't have use for it. If we could have a beach like I've seen other communities in the area have a sandy beach with picnic tables and stuff that was actually usable, every back lot owner would sign up for this. I guarantee it. But with the way it is today and the way it's been, I've been out there for 22 years, and it's just been a hassle from day one. And the trees were evergreens, they're very overgrown now, and they're cutting into the easement, and it's just been that they're doing everything they can to neighbors to keep us from using it. And this is why I don't want to do it.

I think it's a great project for those of you on boats and your props are getting all torn up and weedy, it's a great idea. I mean I'd like to see the weeds, it's a very shallow lake to begin with, and the weeds are very tall, they're overgrown, and this is a great idea. I just don't want to fund it because I really don't have access to it. So that's really what I wanted to, you know, throw out there and - hopefully you understand..

MR. ELLIOTT: (Unintelligible).

MR. BOLTER: -- my point of view as well as those who are enjoying it.

MR. ELLIOTT: May I ask you a question?

MR. BOLTER: Yes.

MR. ELLIOTT: Did you get charged for the last Special Assessment District?

MR. BOLTER: I don't know. My taxes go up every year. I -- I don't fight 'em every year, too, so I don't know. I don't think I got charged for a Special Assessment before.

MR. ELLIOTT: I should note that I'm --

MR. BOLTER: Oh, I live at 8050 Roepke Court.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah. You shouldn't be, according to the file that we created with the Township, you're in a non-applicable status. You should not be charged for the SAD.

MR. BOLTER: Well, that's what I was wondering, but they say who have a deeded access to the lake, and it's deeded in my property.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah, so --

MR. BOLTER: And I have the right to use that as egress and ingress.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah, we're looking to, to collect input here right now. And we get this.

MR. BOLTER: Yeah.



MR. SCHMIDT: And there are adjustments that can be made to the roll.

Mr. Bolter, I missed having you state your address though.

MR. BOLTER: Oh, I did. 8050 Roepke Court.

MS. KOLOSKI: Well, just now.

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, just now, okay. Sorry.

MR. BOLTER: No, it just kind of feels like the haves and haves not, you know --

MR. SCHMIDT: Yep, uh-huh.

MR. BOLTER: -- and that's not a good dynamic for the neighborhood.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. BOLTER: And I know the neighbors would love to use it if it were set up properly for us to do it, and I'd be more than happy to pay the \$191 a year, no problem.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. BOLTER: But with the way the things stand, it's just not accessible to us, and it's just not fair to --

MR. ELLIOTT: Do you have access to the other common area with the --

MR. EGGERMONT: And that's -- that's time.

MR. BOLTER: No, we're on the opposite side of the lake.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah. Yeah.

MR. ELLIOTT: Oh, okay.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you very much.

MR. BOLTER: No, I'd love to have a dock down there to fish off and, you know, moor a boat up there and stuff, but you know.

MR. SCHMIDT: Next up, Harold Goff.

MR. GOFF: Right here. Thank you. I guess I heard him.

MR. SCHMIDT: And your address, please?

MR. GOFF: 4116 Homewild.

We've had a couple SADs before, right?

MR. ELLIOTT: Oh yeah.

MR. GOFF: Do you remember what it cost us before?

THE COURT REPORTER: Gentlemen?

MR. ELLIOTT: It was actually a little more than that. It was 196-something. Well, you're lakefront.

MR. GOFF: Yeah.

MR. ELLIOTT: I'm sorry. It was 630.

MR. GOFF: Per year?

MR. ELLIOTT: Per year before.

MR. GOFF: Okay.

MR. ELLIOTT: For five years. But they only collected for two-and-a-half years the first time.

MR. GOFF: Oh.

MR. ELLIOTT: So that's why it was not so much money involved.

MR. GOFF: When I got the letter, I thought \$500 a year, that's quite a bit to kill some weeds, right?

MR. SCHMIDT: Uh-huh.

MR. GOFF: Not a private lake. But why should the people just around the lake be responsible mainly for the weeds when it's a public lake? It seems like to me that the state and maybe other people in the area should be contributing to this. You know, this is a lot of people that --

MR. ELLIOTT: I don't think anybody disagrees that the state ought to be involved to be honest with you.

MR. GOFF: Yeah, I keep -- that's the first thing that popped into my mind --

MR. ELLIOTT: Probably isn't going to happen.

MR. GOFF: -- that, hey, where's the state at? We're paying taxes and everybody wants the weeds killed of course. I want to run out there with my boat and not get hung up and all that. And there is a weed problem, and I know the cost is going up to take care of something like that. But I just didn't see why the state, DNR, can't contribute more money to afford that.

I don't know about the other lakes around, but

how they're handling the weeds on those lakes, if the state's kicking in anything or anybody's pursuing to get more money from the state; is this problem serious enough to the state should be looking at it, or do you say, "Okay, you guys live around the lake, when they grow up, they'll fork out the money."

I'm all for killing weeds, but I think other people should maybe give -- get money from other places also, not just put all the burden on the people around the lake. Like I said, I'm all for cleaning up the lake. If everybody puts in the effort to take care of the lake. I guess that's pretty much it. Thank you.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you. Thank you.

Next, Sandy Szufnar. Did I get that right?

MS. SZUFNAR: Close enough, yes. Sandy Szufnar.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. And your address?

MS. SZUFNAR: 5215 Joslin Lake Drive.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. SZUFNAR: It's Gregory.

Okay, there's been a couple points brought up, and I'm going to address those briefly first. I would like to know what is the procedure and the process for determining what the state's share of this is? I'm sure this isn't the only lake that has state, so there must be some kind of process. So, I'd just like to know what that

is.

Secondly, to the gentleman that was here before, so many people have so many complaints about the way that the subdivision was platted, and he has a valid point, except it doesn't address anything, so he doesn't have a valid point. But I know that everybody gets upset about their back lots just how much access they have to the water.

But the main thing with all of this is, I want to state my support for this project because in my estimation, all of us that are here and those of us that are here, nobody will say anything other than how much they enjoy the sanctity of Joslin Lake. And as such, we're only caretakers of the lake. We're just here right now, hopefully grandchildren, great-grandchildren, there are some families that have lived on the water for 70 years. And so, we hope they understand the importance of actually taking care of our waters.

In addition, previously to this, hubby and I lived on a lake in the western part of the state where the person is from Chicago, we had a lot of those, who decided that they knew more than any lake aquatic manager about how you don't really need to do anything with the weeds, they will take care of themselves. We lived on that lake for 20 years, and for 15 of those years we watched the

quality of the water deteriorate because there were no active weed abatement programs in place.

So, unequivocally I am stating I am in support of this. I'm not pleased with the money I have to pay, but you know what? That's just the way it is. I pay taxes on lots of things, and I don't like a lot of them either.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

Next, Frank Bruening.

MR. BRUENING: Right here.

MR. SCHMIDT: And your address, sir?

MR. BRUENING: 12010 Joslin Lake.

And I want to know if people Livingston County are paying, because they all have access on the one end of the lake, and anybody with deeded access is supposed to pay, so.

And the second thing, the reason I actually came here is because I want 'em to actually get close enough to the docks and stuff because they kill the weeds by the people; not just a couple spots where nobody lives, in front of the state land and in front of, on the other side where they're never gonna build nothing because it'd be too expensive, but where I'm at it's pretty close to the swamp, and there's a lot of weeds out in front of my house, and they're out there 200 feet. Well that ain't

doing nothing for me. You know if I -- can I put a 200-foot dock out there? I don't think so. I think there's actually a limit, and I think a lot of people are over that limit.

But like I say, the access for the people on Livingston I wanted to, just because I'm here, but really, I came to say I want the -- I want the, all the weeds gone, but I want 'em to get closer to the shore. And, you know, a lot of places on the shore there are no weeds, but where I'm at, that whole end down there is a mess.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah, breaks in --

MR. EGGERMONT: Just for, if you could hold public comment for the people that are -- don't interrupt their time essentially unless it's fine with them.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, he's got to get to the thing we need to talk about.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. Thank you, sir.

MR. BRUENING: Yep.

MR. SCHMIDT: Rita Cleshorn (phonetic)?

MS. CLINTHORNE: Close. Clinthorne.

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, okay. Please. And your address?

MS. CLINTHORNE: 3750 Homewild Drive. I probably put my home address on there instead of where --

MR. SCHMIDT: Ah, yes. You did.

MS. CLINTHORNE: -- my house address. Yes.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MS. CLINTHORNE: That's just my mailing address.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MS. CLINTHORNE: But it's 3750 Homewild Drive,  
and that's in Gregory.

I am here, I'm happy to support this really. I work in environmental ed, you know, I know that invasive plants are really just a pain, and if you don't deal with them, then they just take over. It's just the nature of the beast.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, it is.

MS. CLINTHORNE: But I just want to plant a little seed, and I -- I talk about this just brief, so briefly, but I know that Lake Leelanau is having the same problem with weeds up north. And they're working with the Native Americans up there to use what they call a mulching technique where they actually cover where the weeds are with fabric or something to, so that the light cannot get to the plants, and it's a physical way of getting rid of the plants. They're not going to grow if they're not getting light. And so that way you're not using the chemicals. I just -- I just feel like we just are so free to put everything in the water. We say, "Oh, it's okay. It's okay; it's safe." But I really feel like it would be



something, if we can even just take note and look at what they're doing up there and how does it work out for them? Because I've never heard of that really before.

But I would like for this Board or this group or all these neighbors to consider something like that. Joslin Lake, I don't know -- Joslin Lake isn't nearly as big as Lake Leelanau, but you can imagine how much it's going to cost them to do that because it is a big lake. We don't have a huge lake. We have areas where we have weeds. And even if we could try it out sometime, I don't know if we could do it in conjunction with the chemical treatment, but I would really like us to consider something that does not use the chemicals, that would just use that method to see what happens. So, starve them of light, they don't seem to thrive so much.

So that's my two cents. That's really what I came here for.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you very much.

MS. CLINTHORNE: Sure.

MR. SCHMIDT: Next, Neal Clinthorne.

MS. CLINTHORNE: Oh, Clinthorne. He's the other one. Go ahead.

MR. SCHMIDT: Come up.

MR. CLINTHORNE: No, I have nothing to add to that.

MR. SCHMIDT: Nothing to add to that?

MR. CLINTHORNE: No.

MR. SCHMIDT: Would you like to -- would you care to preserve your right to protest at the Tax Tribunal?

MR. CLINTHORNE: No, that's all right.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. And that's 3758 Homewild?

MR. CLINTHORNE: 3750.

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MR. SCHMIDT: 3750.

All right. That gets us through the in-person items. I'm going to --

MR. DOWNEY: I was going to speak as well.

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, can we have a card?

MR. DOWNEY: I had a card.

MS. KOLOSKI: Oh.

MR. DOWNEY: I gave it to somebody.

MS. ROOT: I wonder if they got stuck together.

MR. DOWNEY: I checked off I was going to speak.

Downey, David. I can tell I'm --

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, here he is.

MS. ROOT: David Downey? Okay.

MR. SCHMIDT: Sorry about that.

MR. DOWNEY: That's quite all right.

MR. SCHMIDT: Clerical error on my part.

MR. DOWNEY: That's quite all right, sir. Now a good time? Okay. All right.

MR. SCHMIDT: Please. Please proceed. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible).

MR. DOWNEY: Thank you. I'm David Downey, and my wife and I are the owners of the lakefront property at 3050 Homewild Drive.

These lakes that we are fortunate to have in such multitude throughout Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, and in fact Michigan, are jewels, are jewels of this state.

THE COURT REPORTER: Can you come up?

MS. ROOT: Can you come closer to the --

MR. DOWNEY: Say what? Okay.

THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

MR. DOWNEY: I thought you were telling me to go away.

MS. ROOT: No, no.

THE COURT REPORTER: You're fine.

MR. DOWNEY: I've heard that a lot, too.

These are really jewels, and it's incumbent upon us, as Sandy said, it's incumbent upon us to protect these, and enhance their value for future generations, as

well as the protection of our own property values.

As a child, tell you how old I am, as a child I was fortunate to speak, to hear from Mrs. Pierce of the Pierce farming family in Chelsea, Pierce Lake, which is at the corner of Old 12 and 52, kind of behind the Polly's grocery store, if you're familiar with this area, and as a child I fished that lake with my father. Crystal clear. A couple of weeping willows were across it. Mrs. Pierce told us as a child she remembered seeing Indians camping at the far end of that lake before I-94 was built, and it was spring fed, crystal clear. If you look at it today, you can almost walk across it. You almost need a lawn mower to envision that. It's a different situation, pollution for the golf course and the neighborhoods have encroached upon that lake.

Here we have a different situation. Two summers ago, we had an island form in the middle of Joslin Lake when the water was lower, and the weeds were really robust. Last summer I assisted in, rescue is too strong of a word, but there was a swimmer that got into trouble not too far from Frank, just up the shoreline from where my neighbor Frank lives that I had watched her. She was in the water swimming with a three-kayak escort, but she got into those weeds, and it was impossible, it looked like a young high school girl, it was impossible for her

to move forward.

Okay. Please support this initiative to clear the weeds. There's been a review of other kinds of technologies. This is fascinating what you suggested. Whether it will work with invasive plants, I don't know.

But overall, please support the creation of the Special Assessment District. Thank you.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

All right, at this point I -- my apologies for having misplaced your card --

MR. DOWNEY: Quite all right, sir.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- in the stack, but I'm glad we, I'm glad we got your comments in.

Theo, any remote participants that are seeking to speak?

MR. EGGERMONT: We have two people online, but just want to check. Last call for in person.

MR. SCHMIDT: I'm going to come back around for in person.

MR. EGGERMONT: Gotcha.

MR. SCHMIDT: Uh-huh.

MR. EGGERMONT: I will check. So, if you are online, if you'd like to speak, please raise your hand. If you're on the phone you can press star nine to do that. If you're on Windows press Alt-Y. Or if you are on a Mac

press Option-Y. And since there's only two of you, I guess I will just allow you to talk.

Nancy, if you would like to speak, I'll ask you to speak first. So, I'll allow you to talk now. If you'd like to speak, please unmute yourself by finding the button via Zoom.

MS. BELLAMY: You know, I don't have anything extra to add. I just am calling in to support the agenda and hear what is going on at the meeting. That's all.

MR. EGGERMONT: All right. Thank you, Nancy.

MS. BELLAMY: But thanks so much.

MR. EGGERMONT: Thank you.

And Peter, I will call on you next. I'll allow you to talk here. If you'd like to speak, please indicate you'd like to do that, and unmute yourself first because you are on mute.

MR. EBERBACH: Hi, this is Pete Eberbach. I'm at 5600 Joslin Drive. My only concern was the allocation of the costs for the various parties. I'm on the lake. I can't see weeds from my deck or anywhere until you get in the lake, so I think that the best way to allocate the cost would be on the basis of the usage of the lake, which includes an awful lot of people that come through the public access.

So, I'm for the project. I just am not thrilled

with the allocation.

Thank you.

MR. EGGERMONT: Thank you for speaking.

That's all our online participants.

Thank you.

And Nancy, I forgot to ask you to add your address. Could you unmute yourself and please give us your address?

MS. BELLAMY: Okay, here I am. Yeah, it's Nancy Bellamy, and my address is 5857 San Luray in Gregory. On Joslin Lake. Thanks.

MR. EGGERMONT: Thank you much.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you to our remote participants.

Last call for in-person folks to comment.

(No response.)

#### CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. At this point I'm going to close the public comments portion of this hearing. And we will proceed onto our resolution, and that resolution establishes the second -- the second hearing, the Special Assessment District roll discussion.

Is there a motion for that? Does any care to move that?

MS. SMITH: I'll move.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. Is there support?

MS. ROOT: I'll support.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, it's been moved and supported. Any discussion?

And just a comment, Gary, last time we had considerable Board questions of Lauren and Theo on this topic, so feel free to chime in.

MR. MCCRIRIE: I don't have any questions.

MR. SCHMIDT: Any questions?

I bet you Lauren does.

MS. SMITH: I do. Okay, well, I heard from some owners concerns about DNR access and public access and their, you know, proportion of the cost. So, I'm curious if you can elaborate a little bit?

I know that the DNR is charged an annual cost. I'm just wondering if there's any information on how much public access is this, and just like if you can elaborate on the thought process behind that process as well.

MR. EGGERMONT: Sure. So, we came up with a base rate for the DNR across our projects because we have, this would be our fifth lake if this is approved to proceed, and several of them have DNR access. So, we created a standard for so many parking spots. They pay 650 once they get above, is it 10?

MS. KOLOSKI: It's less than 10 it's 650.



MR. EGGERMONT: Less than 10 and more than 10. So, we do \$650 and \$750 for those spots for the DNR. So that's how that figure is come up with, and that's how we charge and assess them.

MR. SCHMIDT: So just to be clear, the state does contribute to the project?

MR. EGGERMONT: If there's a, I know there's another question, if it's okay if I add to the state comment?

MR. SCHMIDT: Is it the part pertaining to -- well, I don't know which one. Go ahead.

MR. EGGERMONT: So, the state, there's a lot of lakes in Michigan, as you all know. We have advocated for funding for Special Assessment Districts to do what we're doing. The best we've got is there a grant program and it only applies in certain areas.

MS. KOLOSKI: Native plants.

MR. EGGERMONT: And it --

MS. KOLOSKI: Only treat natives. You only -- you can't address natives at all.

MR. EGGERMONT: You can't address natives at all, and that's a challenge for us because often in our lakes we have natives that grow to abundance and they become a nuisance, and the residents around the lake would like the natives reduced. We don't take out natives. We

try to give them -- we try to reduce them. So, we just try to stunt their growth essentially. So, since we do that as part of our services, the state wouldn't provide us any grant funding, but we have tried to do that, and we've advocated for funding in the past, so. Our efforts have been unsuccessful to date on having state funding of any kind.

MS. KOLOSKI: And that funding, if we were to apply and approve, is, it's a permit, so it would reimburse your, the cost to apply for a permit, and so it's a minimum cost of I think it's like \$1,500 is the maximum on the permit, so that's the only current fundings that the State of Michigan allocates for these types of projects.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MS. ROOT: Drew, I have a question.

MR. SCHMIDT: Please.

MS. ROOT: Rita brought up the fact about the mulching technique --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yep.

MS. ROOT: -- and I found that to be very interesting, and I was just wondering, Lauren, with your expertise, I know you're well-versed in your field if you've heard of that, and if you think that that's

something that we could maybe consider --

MS. KOLOSKI: Sure.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- or are there bad sides to that?

MS. KOLOSKI: I have never personally looked at it. I do have a relationship with a Dr. Doug Pullman who used to manage this lake system, and he wrote his Ph.D. on those benthic mats. The benthic mats are very expensive. They're non-plant selective. So, with herbicide control we can be more selective in our plant control. And they still do, you know, they just eliminate everything. They -- it's non-selective. So, if you have a beautiful patch of Chara sitting there that's native, and you wanted some Starry Stonewort, some Milfoil to get taken out of there, the benthic mat just completely wipes it all out, and it's very expensive. And I know Lake Leelanau is doing it because I hear about it, and I've read about it. It's just non-selective and it's not been something that's been recommended by our lake managers.

MS. ROOT: Okay. Thank you.

MR. SCHMIDT: Is there opportunity perhaps selective application or experiment with that control technology?

MS. KOLOSKI: Of course, there's always opportunities for that. I would say that DASH is probably more, Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting, is probably a

more realistic approach because that can be selective and remove invasives. But you have to be very careful about doing things like that because they can spread by fragmentation.

MR. SCHMIDT: Uh-huh.

MS. KOLOSKI: And it does a lot of permitting with the State of Michigan and it can be expensive. So, we're just starting to see more of that come up. that I would feel I would explore more than benthic mats --

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: -- with our current situations.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MR. EGGERMONT: And there is a project that has been done in the area that we're looking at, that Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting to see how effective it and how cost-effective it is, so.

MS. KOLOSKI: I'm keeping my eye on it.

MR. EGGERMONT: We're monitoring a project that's been done to see if it could be used for us.

MR. SCHMIDT: Awesome.

MS. ROOT: Drew, I have one more question. I'm sorry.

MR. SCHMIDT: Sure.

MS. ROOT: I think Frank had brought up a valid concern about whether or not Livingston County residents

that have access are being charged anything. Do we know, are they doing anything in Livingston County to help with this type of situation, or?

MS. KOLOSKI: When so my assessment and my working with my assessor at the office, we have scrutinized this assessment district, and if Livingston County, everyone's getting charged that's in Washtenaw County, if there's an access point for Livingston County, I'm not 100 percent aware of how that works, and I'd like to see it on the map --

MS. ROOT: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: -- if you could show it to me, because then I could assess the situation differently. But right now, Livingston County -- no Livingston County parcels are included in the Special Assessment District.

MS. ROOT: Thank you.

MS. KOLOSKI: To my knowledge.

MR. ELLIOTT: I'd like to add to that. 2009 when we did this, we found that Joslin Lake is 100 percent Washtenaw County. The area Frank's talking about is always an issue, but all those places have property in Washtenaw County and a house in Livingston County.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. ELLIOTT: They actually pay two taxes. We approach Livingston County and Unadilla Township in 2009

and just got stonewalled. They weren't interested. But the people in, that have the front lots do pay the assessment to Washtenaw County.

MS. KOLOSKI: Okay. Thank you.

MR. DOWNEY: So, their beach is Washtenaw County, but their homes in Livingston, Frank?

MR. BRUENING: Yes.

MR. DOWNEY: They still pay --

MR. BRUENING: The ones that are on the lake. But the ones that are up on the hill, if they've got an access, they're, they actually have --

MR. ELLIOTT: But they don't have access.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If they have deeded access --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They've got a dock with 20 boats, it, yeah, they --

MR. ELLIOTT: No, no. Okay. That's different. That's another problem. There is a group in Unadilla Township, and it's called Unadilla Heights. There is 12, 11 or 12 homes up there. There was one piece of property on the lake that's owned by somebody else who has some clubs or some organization, so they pay one fee, but they have a communal dock with six, seven boats, eight boats maybe.

MR. BRUENING: There's a bunch of 'em.

MR. ELLIOTT: And we approached them separately, our committee did, to donate towards the project, nobody's quite sure how that would work or how you get that money into the fund, so, and we, actually I took those people out intentionally because they dragged down the percentage to get the vote passed to be honest with you. They would all vote no because they only one to pay one time, and the split the 600-and, or the 490 -- 630 between 12 places. And they all, so they all voted no.

MR. SCHMIDT: This sounds like something worth doing a little further investigation.

MS. KOLOSKI: Sure, I'd be happy to look into it.

MR. SCHMIDT: This sort of keep all access seems a little --

MS. KOLOSKI: I'd be happy. If it can be identified for me, if somebody can show me on the map, I'd --

MR. BRUENING: I have a suggestion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We would love to.

MR. BRUENING: You can consider it -- if they don't want to kick in, the state can just say it's a marina because they have multiple people at a dock in the lake. They should have to have a marina license, and let's do it that way then.

MS. KOLOSKI: You're talking -- that's a township --

MR. BRUENING: And the marina, we make the money from the marina and put it towards the weeds.

MR. ELLIOTT: I've got a feeling they're grandfathered, so I -- I know that previous Township Supervisor two supervisors ago, Mary Ann Knoll (phonetic) looked into that because she was totally against it. We actually have two of 'em on the lake.

MR. SCHMIDT: Great. All right.

MR. ELLIOTT: But most of the people in the other one is, have lake access and are assessed as well.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah, if you can figure out the answer to that one, we'd appreciate it.

MR. BRUENING: Yeah.

MR. SCHMIDT: There was -- I think you mentioned, can you talk a little bit about the application relative to the shore and --

MS. KOLOSKI: Oh, sure.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- and the docks and how that's constrained.

MS. KOLOSKI: Okay. Hopefully I can explain this well enough.

So, when a lake scientist, our lake scientist



goes out on the lake, they survey the entire drop off zone. And so, if you have natives in front of your dock area that are not impeding traffic or causing recreational nuisance, we will let those natives go and live and thrive and be in their natural state. If it's invasives we will treat it.

So, there is a determination of somebody out there on the lake identifying the plants of what they are, native or invasive. It doesn't mean you're going to get treatment in front of your lot if you have natives there. So that's a very good expectation to set is people are not going to get -- we're not going to do the entire lake front homes and eliminate the plants there. They're native and they're not growing in excess and out of control, we do let them stay there.

So, we will be specifically targeting the invasives on this lake first, and then we look at the natives and see what we can, if we need to do that. But we cannot legally treat natives in certain situations, in certain circumstances. So, if you have natives and they're not within the permit restrictions, we are not legally allowed to treat them. So that is some people's experiences with these projects, and they tend to get upset because they have the natives there and we're not treating it, but we legally can't because the state is

heavily restricting our treatment of native plants on these projects.

MS. SZUFNAR: So, what is the permit scope then? Does the permit say like up to people's docks, people's docks that go out into the water? What does it say? Because there's a huge variety of, you know, people have 20-foot docks, people have 50-foot docks.

MS. KOLOSKI: Sure.

MS. SZUFNAR: That makes a huge difference.

MS. KOLOSKI: It does make a huge difference, and it is based off of the 100-foot contour, or a certain amount of feet outwards. So, it's a standard across the board of how far out we can go from the shoreline to treat plants, and then after that point we can't treat native plants. And so, natives we can treat a little bit shorter -- closer to shore if they're causing recreational nuisance impacts on the lake, and then after that point they're off limits. And that's clearly, it would be -- I can't say for sure, but the state is going to right for Joslin because they haven't applied for a permit, and the permit has changed significantly. The permitting process, the rules, all that stuff has changed significantly over the last two years. So, when I applied, when the applicator applies to EGLE for the permit, we then get the permit back with those restrictions detailed out to us in

there. But there is, it's like the 100-foot contour that we cannot treat natives past.

MS. SZUFNAR: Are there provisions to question?

MS. KOLOSKI: You -- anybody and everybody's welcome to ask for revision. Getting a revision to treat native plants I can almost guarantee will not be approved by the state.

MS. SZUFNAR: I won't happen. If  
(unintelligible).

MS. KOLOSKI: It hasn't happened yet.

MR. ELLIOTT: Lauren?

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh?

MR. ELLIOTT: That one area though that, down by Frank's place --

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MR. ELLIOTT: -- I think the last applicator we had out there just didn't get close enough.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MR. ELLIOTT: In any case, I think they could easily get within that limit, and what's growing there looks like Starry.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MR. ELLIOTT: Or a mutation of Starry and Chara that Doug had identified.

MS. KOLOSKI: I haven't heard that one yet.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah, you can talk to the Doctor.

MS. KOLOSKI: I'll talk to Doug about that one.

MR. ELLIOTT: So.

MS. KOLOSKI: And it's --

MR. ELLIOTT: I think we could help that with working with the applicator.

MS. KOLOSKI: Well, it's a -- and it -- and I can't say for sure because I haven't been out there on the lake, I haven't sat with the lake scientist, I don't know what they're going to do, but if you have a bed of Chara that's growing, and you have a little bit of Starry mixed in it, we won't touch it. Because we want to preserve that Chara --

MR. ELLIOTT: The Starry will wipe that out.

MS. KOLOSKI: Not if it's maintaining it. We watch it, we monitor it, we look at it and if the Starry eventually starts taking over and umbrellaing over the Chara, that's when we start to address it. If it's intermingled with the Chara, we're not going to treat the Chara just to get rid of the Starry because we're never going to eradicate the invasives from this lake system. We will -- we are managing them. And if they're not disturbing and wiping out things, we will let the Starry intermingle with that Chara as long as it's not overtaking it. We're currently doing that on Pleasant Lake right

now. But I can't say for sure what we would do, what we wouldn't do until we actually get out there and then we assess it.

MR. ELLIOTT: So --

MS. KOLOSKI: I just, I don't know what the --

MR. ELLIOTT: -- they'll take a look at it in the spring?

MS. KOLOSKI: Oh, of course. We will take a very close look at the lake if this project is approved and moved forward, we will get a contract set up with a qualified lake scientist to give us that information.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

Any other questions from the Board?

MS. SMITH: For discussion. I just have one quick one. It's related to the pay scheme, so maybe not appropriate for this, but might as well get it out. The back lot conversation, this is something that you're familiar with I assume. And this, does this apply -- do you know if they're actually assessed a fee, or if they're assessed \$190 annual fee, or if they're not assessed at all? Do you know the answer?

MS. KOLOSKI: The back lot owners as identified on this project of having legal deeded access will be charged the \$190 per year, and I have all of those properties identified on that map color coded of what each

property gets charged. And if it's contiguous or if it's not contiguous, we have it separated out there.

MS. SMITH: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: Drew, we have a question. Am I allowed to --

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, please.

MS. SZUFNAR: And here's where the whole controversy --

THE COURT REPORTER: Could you state your name, please?

MS. SZUFNAR: Sandra Szufnar, 5215 Joslin Lake Drive. Okay, and here's where the whole thing comes in. So, this whole back lot thing, if you look at many of these person's deeds, they do not have deeded access. They have access through courts, and they have access to the water, and that's where this whole controversy comed (sic) in.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MS. SZUFNAR: One of my neighbors who we considered a back lot, her deed does not say deeded access. It says she has access through the courts to the water. There's nothing. And it's, when the subdivision was platted out, it didn't mean anything because people got along and nobody cared, but it's a whole different world now, and so many people -- and they are misled by

local realtors as well as to feeling that they have deeded access. So, this whole premise of deeded access might be flawed to begin with.

MR. SCHMIDT: Something we should look into --

MS. KOLOSKI: Sure.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- a little further.

MS. KOLOSKI: And do we have specifics on like those properties that are, those residents here that -- you know, I don't know what properties to look specifically at on the Special Assessment District. Is there --

MS. SZUFNAR: Well, anybody who is not on the lakefront.

MR. ELLIOTT: It's, Lauren, it's on that file.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MR. ELLIOTT: And I think I sent that to you.

MS. KOLOSKI: Okay.

MR. ELLIOTT: I have it indicated whether it's front lot, you know, lake access or back lot, based on the township records.

Now, in 2009 we found a couple that had to be changed, and the township was very good at working with us on that, but, and I'm not saying there isn't a mistake on there, but I personally checked every property card and identified and recorded.

MS. KOLOSKI: Okay.

MR. ELLIOTT: We know the property cards are a little behind based on COVID and everything else that went on, but for the most part, if anybody, you know, had a challenge, they, I don't think they have to do a tax challenge, but whether it's front or back lot, I have the file, and it's wrong then --

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. ELLIOTT: -- contact the township. Linda Riley's (phonetic) been super at working with people on this.

MR. SCHMIDT: This, I think there's an additional conversation --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah, I'll look into it.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- that has to go on with staff.

I have two items that I was curious about. One of them, depending on how this whole discussion about deeded or court ordered easement access to the lake --

MS. SZUFNAR: No, court as in street, not court as in legal.

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, okay. I'd love to see an artifact that shows this impaired space. I heard it described. I'd be curious what that really looks like. I mean how impaired is it? I don't know. I'd be curious.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah, I need to know the access



point so I can look that up, but if we could get some documentation. I do know that in the past we've had some -- there has been discussions about residents blocking things --

MR. SCHMIDT: Uh-huh.

MS. KOLOSKI: -- and refusing to let people use it.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah.

MS. KOLOSKI: I've heard that.

MR. SCHMIDT: And then the other question, and I don't know if staff has got any insight to this. Is there any sort of education program or anything else that the, maybe the homeowners, the lake owner, lake association or the township has in place with regard to fertilizer usage and the benefits of buffer strips around the lake or anything like that?

MS. KOLOSKI: I do not think so. There is no -- I'm not aware of anything.

MR. ELLIOTT: Well, Lauren sent me a lot of stuff. We put it out there. We have a website, JoslinLake.org that they can look. A lot of the lakes and stuff that you sent me for that is out there for people. It's tied to our Facebook page, Joslin Lake Facebook page. Most of that information is out there. It's very good stuff, and in fact, Lauren, you just sent me something on

kind of that very issue.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yep, there's an introduction to lake spores that MSU is hosting that I do have flyers out for, and I do promote as well. It's a wonderful, wonderful class if you haven't had a chance to take it.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. KOLOSKI: You're welcome.

Oh, and to answer your question about fertilizers, I don't think that there's a township ordinance.

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: I think there's a statute to reduce the phosphorus, but nothing I think on a township level.

MR. SCHMIDT: Could you generalize the lake, the interface between the lake and the homeowners around the lake? Is it groomed yards down to the water line, or is there typically native buffers along the lake?

MS. KOLOSKI: I don't know. Do -- you know the lake system a little bit better than I do.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yes, yes, and yes.

MS. KOLOSKI: What?

MR. SCHMIDT: You've got a good mix?

MR. ELLIOTT: We have some of each, including retaining walls --

MS. KOLOSKI: Seawalls, yep.

MR. ELLIOTT: -- seawalls that were there. Been there for 50 years.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. ELLIOTT: Yeah, we have a combination of all of those.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MR. EGGERMONT: And when we went, Lauren and I did do a drive around the lake to look at the spot. The DNR spot in particular as you imagine is quite wooded. It's --

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah.

MR. EGGERMONT: So, there is -- there is native shoreline.

MS. KOLOSKI: There is a registered wetland, too, and an endangered species on this lake, a frog that we monitor, and we make sure we protect as well.

MR. SCHMIDT: Excellent.

All right, any other discussion, or questions from the Board?

(No response.)

ROLL CALL VOTE

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, at this time I'd like to call a vote on the resolution, and this, once again, this is the resolution establishing a second public

hearing for the Joslin Lake Special Assessment District. All -- oh, I guess we need a roll call. I always forget. Michelle, would you be so kind as to call the roll?

MS. KATZ: Certainly.

McCririe?

MR. MCCRIRIE: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Schmidt?

MR. SCHMIDT: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Smith?

MS. SMITH: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Root?

MS. ROOT: Yes.

MR. SCHMIDT: Motion carries. Excellent.

At this this point I'm going to turn it over to Theo in a moment, but I want to thank all of you for coming out this evening and participating in the process. Your participation is critical and thank you. Thank you for taking the time.

Theo, what are the next steps if one should be so curious?

#### NEXT STEPS

MR. EGGERMONT: Absolutely. So, the Board's approved the resolution, so they'll proceed with the project and set the next Special Assessment -- sorry -- the Special Assessment hearing, which will be July 27th,

again, here, hybrid, and at this location. The purpose of the hearing is to review and confirm the roll. So that's kind of the who's in and who's out. The Board can amend or revise the roll prior to that next hearing. And we have some things from you all to look into tonight to get back to the Board on, so we'll look into those things and get back to them so they can make that decision at the next hearing.

We will send notices as we're obligated to under the Public Act via mail as well in the newspaper and as well as put it on our website and other places as appropriate. So, at that second hearing they'll determine what the roll is and confirm the roll, and then the, if they approve that, then the project will proceed.

MR. SCHMIDT: Excellent. Thank you, Theo.  
Excellent.

Once again, thank you everyone. Anyone who is interested in sticking around for our contract discussion, or our contract extension discussion is more than welcome to do so, but if you want to flee, that's understood, too.

Staff, just so everybody knows, staff will be sticking around for a few minutes afterwards if there are some additional questions you have, or if there's some additional insight you can provide with regard to these lots in question, that would be, those would be good notes

for us to have going forward, so. Thank you everybody.

THE COURT REPORTER: Are we off the record then or?

RESOLUTION: CLARKE AQUATIC SERVICES CONTRACT

MR. SCHMIDT: No, we have one more item. We have one more item.

So, we have a resolution for us here, and this is the --

THE COURT REPORTER: Folks? Could we have the folks step out?

MR. SCHMIDT: You can just -- oh.

MR. EGGERMONT: If you can all step into the lobby, please. Excuse me? If you could step into the lobby, we have some business to finish. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry.

THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you, Theo. Thank you, Gary.

So, we have a resolution for consideration here to approve the extension of the lake project contract with Clarke Aquatic Services. This is critical for us.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Kristen? I think you actually have to leave the door open.

MR. MCCRIRIE: You can't close the door --

MS. ROOT: Yeah because it's a public hearing.

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, okay. Thank you. I just

learned something. That's a good thing to know.

MS. SMITH: We've just got to talk loudly.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. Is there any -- would anyone care to move the resolution? Approval of the resolution?

MS. SMITH: I'll move.

MR. SCHMIDT: Is there support?

MR. MCCRIRIE: Support.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, moved and supported.

Any discussion about this?

Actually, Theo, can you give a little context?

MR. EGGERMONT: Yes, Drew.

So, this is for the Huron River Chain of Lakes aquatic treatment, and this was originally set in 2017, it's a five-year contract. It came on our radar last week as we were reviewing contracts and --

MS. ROOT: Okay. I was wondering how did we miss this?

MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah, and usually that happens a little bit earlier. With vacation between myself as well as our person who does contracts in our office, it didn't happen until last week on Thursday, and I talked with Lauren and we said, oh, that's an unusual one because it expires in the summer and we --

MS. SMITH: Right.

MR. EGGERMONT: -- we have not set any of our lake contracts to expire in the summer because that's obviously problematic.

MS. SMITH: Right.

MR. EGGERMONT: So, we set them for December 31st, so this was one that had been originally made in 2017, and so that's why it's brought to you tonight. It's a thank you for being here as a quorum because this is very important to provide services to the Huron River Chain of Lakes which will have treatment after the Fourth of July if this is approved, and if not --

MR. SCHMIDT: We'll have angry --

MR. EGGERMONT: -- you will have a of residents knocking on my door and maybe yours, too.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. Any discussion?  
Questions?

MS. SMITH: No.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, I believe we need to call the roll on this as well. Michelle, if you'd be so kind?

MS. KATZ: Certainly.

McCririe?

MR. MCCRIRIE: Aye.

MS. KATZ: Schmidt?

MR. SCHMIDT: Yes.



MS. KATZ: Smith?

MS. SMITH: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Root?

MS. ROOT: Yes.

MR. SCHMIDT: Motion carries.

MR. EGGERMONT: And just for the record, Gary lives on the Chain, has a home on the property --

MR. MCCRIRIE: I actually don't live on the Chain.

MR. EGGERMONT: You don't live there? Okay.

MR. MCCRIRIE: I have a cottage on the chain.

MR. EGGERMONT: But you own --

MR. MCCRIRIE: Just (unintelligible) --

MR. EGGERMONT: Own property --

MR. SCHMIDT: A separate -- got it. Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah, and I have cleared that with legal counsel that he is able to vote on this --

MR. SCHMIDT: Vote.

MR. EGGERMONT: -- as long as it's disclosed.

MR. SCHMIDT: Excellent. All right. Any other items?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. MCCRIRIE: So, moved.

MS. SMITH: Support.

MR. SCHMIDT: Support. Non-debatable. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Aye.

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MS. ROOT: Aye.

MR. SCHMIDT: Those opposed?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Meeting is adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 P.M.

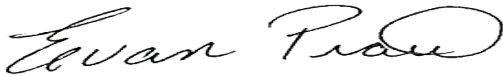
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I also certify that I am not a relative or employee of the parties involved and have no financial interest in this matter.

DATED: July 1, 2022

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