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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
February 7, 2023**

Escanaba, Michigan

A Regular meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners was held this date, pursuant to the following call:

February 2, 2023

The Honorable Members of the Delta  
County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Regular Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday February 7, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center.

Sincerely yours,  
Nancy J. Przewrocki  
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Malnar, Viau, Barron, Moyle, and Petersen.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Workshop.

Informational discussion regarding the Parks. Rory Mattson, Delta County Conservation District Director, spoke to the Board regarding the transition to the County between now and May 15<sup>th</sup>. Seasonals need to be booked, will be using CampSpot to book sites, the Pavilion rentals need to be booked, they are building picnic tables - extra tables for the Fuller picnic area, and Fuller needs to be seeded. He also stated the Conservation District has not received the \$42,500 for the cabins from the statement submitted to the County in September. Administrator DeSalvo stated that there are questions regarding the billing that need to be answered to release the ARP money to the District, but those questions have not been submitted to the Conservation District. Commissioner Malnar asked for an inventory of County Park equipment. Commissioner Malnar will get contact information for Recreation Resource Management.

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Administrator DeSalvo received emails from two commissioners that she was being presumptuous on moving forward on Park issues and stopped working on anything regarding the parks. Workshop session ended at 5:55 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to strike item A.1. Presentation from MMRMA Sponsored Attorney from the agenda, as no information was included.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	NO
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to strike item B.8. Commissioner Petersen Delta Conservation District Relationship from the agenda, as no information was included.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	NO
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to add items 1. Fuller Park Picnic Area Ad Hoc Committee and 2. Soil Conservation Immediate Payment of Bill to the agenda under Unfinished Business. MOTION CARRIED. Malnar opposed.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to add Item 1.5 Planning Commission Year End Report to New Business. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the agenda, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
  - 1. Letter from CUPPAD.
  - 2. Letter from Community Action Agency.
  - 3. Letter from Delta Conservation District.
  - 4. Annual Operations Report from DSWMA.
  - 5. Letter from Richard Clark.
- B. Forwarded:
  - 1. Letter to Cheryl Corbiere.
  - 2. Letter to Mary Harrington.
  - 3. Letter to Joseph Kaplan.
  - 4. Letter to Patrick Nault.
  - 5. Letter to Kosja Nelson.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

- 1. Airport Advisory Board minutes of 10-10-22, 11-14-22, 12-5-22.
- 2. Human Services Board minutes of 11-17-22.
- 3. CAA/HRA minutes of 12-1-22.
- 1. Township Association minutes of 10-27-22, 12-9-22.  
(Annual)

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar that the Communications and Reports of Standing and Statutory Committees and the Reports of Special Committees and Others be received and placed on file. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Conservation District Director Mattson.

Ed LeGault, Executive Director of the Delta County Economic Development Authority, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Administrator DeSalvo - she has represented the County in a positive way.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Commissioner Malnar campaigning against the Conservation District operating the Parks.

Norman Fleury, Escanaba Township Trustee, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the townships should be running the County Parks that are in their townships.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township and Parks and Recreation Board, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding that no one has

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reached out to him regarding the Parks and Recreation Board. He also stated his concerns with Trust Fund statutory allocations at Fuller Park and the Community Forest, the June notification requirement and the 10 year renewal contract with the Conservation District.

Edward Fleury, Cornell Township Trustee, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Community Forest in Cornell is completely locked up and gated.

### X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 1. Administrator's Report.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to receive the Administrator's Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 2. Building and Grounds minutes of 1-24-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Building and Grounds minutes of 1-24-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 3. Finance minutes of 2-3-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance minutes of 2-3-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 4. Department Updates.

##### a. Airport:

b. Building and Maintenance: Cory Schroeder, Building and Maintenance Director, gave the Board an update on the Utilities Relocation at the Courthouse and the Multi-Use Building at the Service Center.

##### c. Building and Zoning/Equalization:

##### d. Courts/Clerk & Register of Deeds/Prosecutor:

##### e. Emergency Management:

##### f. Parks and Recreation:

##### g. Sheriff's Department:

##### h. Treasurer's Office:

##### i. Veteran's Service Office:

### XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

#### A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Fuller Park Picnic Area Ad Hoc Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau because the Committee should fall under the Parks, the information should be sent to the Conservation District to schedule a meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Conservation District Immediate Payment of Bill.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to move forward on paying the Conservation District bill of \$42,500 for the cabins, after the necessary information has been sought and received, before the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 913,845.00 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 874.38.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

1.5. Planning Commission Year End Report.

John Denholm, Planning Commission Chair, presented the Planning Commission Year End Report to the Board. The Planning Commission worked hard on the Solar Ordinance this past year. The Planning Commission will have 4 new members that they would like to receive training. Need Zoning map updates, the Master Plan does not include farmland - the USDA has farmland maps. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to receive the report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Donation to Weaver Family from the Employees of Delta County.

Commissioner Malnar will present the money collected to the Weaver family tomorrow.

3. Request to Donate Sick Leave.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the request to donate sick leave, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Retirement of D. Johnson, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Detective Position.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the lump sum payout, send a letter of appreciation for Det. Johnson's 28 years of service to Delta County, and to fill the Detective position. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Appointment to Pathways (1 opening).

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to appoint Theresa Nelson to the Pathways Board. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolution - MAC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to adopt a Resolution acknowledging the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Delta County Jail Food Service Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the 5% increase in the Delta County Jail Food Service Contract, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Administrator's Contract.

Administrator DeSalvo stated that she has been dedicated to make decisions in the best interest of the County and that she feels disrespected by the Board. She went on to chastise three board members for acting unethically.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to terminate the Administrator's contract.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	NO
	VIAU	NO
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mary Harrington, Ford River Township and past Board Chair, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Board in terminating the Administrator's contract.

Joseph Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Conservation District failing to provide FOIA requests and violations of the Open Meetings Act.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding making Rory Mattson County Administrator.

Cheryl Corbiere, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Parks and Recreation Board and the termination of the Administrator.

Ed LeGault, Executive Director of the DCEDA, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding how disappointed he is that the Board terminated the Administrator.

Ann Fix, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Chair Moyle taking campaign funds from Heritage while on the Planning Commission.

Curt Larsen, Delta County Planning Commission member, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding firing the Administrator.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding needing a productive relationship with the Administrator.

Theresa Chenier, Escanaba Township Clerk, addressed the Board with her concerns that Administrator DeSalvo was wonderful to work with as she would respond immediately.

Tyler Anthony, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding what have you done?

Rory Mattson, Director of the Delta Conservation District, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding that a lot of the comments were directed at the Conservation District, and also why the gates are up at the Community Forest.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Commissioner Malnar and that 5 FOIA requests from the County have not been fulfilled.

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Norman Fleury, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding - he wouldn't want the Commissioners job - vote out or recall.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: None.

Commissioner Viau: None.

Commissioner Barron: None.

Commissioner Petersen: None.

Commissioner Moyle: None.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

February 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: Planning Commission.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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David Moyle, Board Chair