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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**April 29, 2024**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

April 26, 2024

The Honorable Members of the Delta  
County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Special Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday April 29, 2024, 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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the agenda, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: No communication were received.

B. Forwarded: No communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Convoy, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding DEI.

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Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding MAEAP.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) Memorandum of Agreement FY24.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Michigan State University Memorandum of Understanding, as presented, with a 4% increase to \$51,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to open it up to the public. (It was recommended to not open it up to the public until each of the Commissioners reviewed the plan).

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

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner to allow Joe Kaplan to address the Board.

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

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Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to send a letter of complaint to Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) regarding a possible breach of confidentiality and discrimination as a landowner under the MAEAP Program.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to direct the Administrator to research the benefits and costs of pulling of the MAEAP Program. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

3. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission (Assign Term Expiration Dates).

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to make District 1 term ending December 31, 2025, and District 2 and 3 term ending December 31, 2024 and direct Administration to set the date for the Parks and Recreation Commission to meet as soon as possible. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignation of J. Pepin, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill the Corrections Position.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to accept the resignation of J. Pepin, lump sum payout, send a letter of appreciation and authorize filling the position. MOTION CARRIED.

2. R. Pascoe to Asst. Building and Zoning Administrator Position, Fill Deputy Treasurer/Equalization and Building and Zoning Clerk Position.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve filling the Deputy Treasurer/Equalization and Building and Zoning Clerk position. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Utility Easement with UPPCO at Fuller Park.  
Informational.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Pepin, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding DEI and MSUE program inclusive to all.

Whitney Maloney, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding MSUE program - thank you to Paul Putnam, FOIA - MAEAP, Conservation District bonuses.

Sandra Skiba, Maple Ridge Township, introduced herself as running for County Commissioner District One, the Board has lost the ability to communicate and come together.

Clayton Harris, Baldwin Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding multiple homes brought to the county's attention not having building permits. Thanked Commissioner Viau for going with him to look at these homes.

Christine Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding statements made at the League of Women voters forum.

Stephanie Carpenter, Escanaba, member of the Upper Michigan Gunowners Association, addressed the Board with her concerns Constitutional Republic.

Mike Maskart, Gladstone, read the Bill of Rights.

Jim Stock, Gladstone, read the 10 Commandments.

Ron Conroy, related how Bill of Rights, 10 Commandments and how this fits in with our Constitution and laws.

Kaye Rowlands, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding DEI love thy neighbor.

Joe Kaplan, Delta Conservation District, no cost to withdraw from MAEAP.

Ann Fix, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Margaret Sanger.

Sandy Sovey, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding she was the person helping the deaf woman, and it was not a setup.

Brady Irving, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding DEI.

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Mike Segorski, Escanaba, Delta Conservation District addressed the Board with his concerns regarding 4-H.

Dave Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding farm subsidies and DEI.

Sema Deeds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding good communication, love and peace.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding there was no contract between the County and Conservation District for 4 years, Conservation District billing in 2023, MAEAP is a voluntary program to recognize environmentally friendly landowners. Don't FOIA the MAEAP program - FOIA the plans. MAEAP can not stop the Project at Fuller Park.

Kelli van Ginhoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Recall election.

#### XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: CAA Board - 2023 Annual Report - Early Childhood programs, winterization of homes, Senior Companion program. Line 5 - 54,000 barrels a day equivalent of 2100 tankers daily.

Commissioner Viau: Thanked the crowd for attending. Attended the National Rail Commission meeting on April 19. Landfill recycling. Kohler back up generator set up for jail and service center is working well. Opioid Taskforce May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Enbridge - the Mackinac Bridge tunnel - 21 ft diameter tunnel. Would like evaluation of the Administrator on May 7<sup>th</sup>. MSUE programs are huge.

Commissioner Barron: Ethics - moral principles, moral - good or evil, equity - integrity, righteousness.

Commissioner Petersen: The difference between the investigation at the Airport and the Conservation District is the County Board has oversight over the Airport, the Conservation District is a separate entity. Wanted the MSUE Director to come in and explain DEI to the public.

Commissioner Moyle: Did not throw MSUE under the bus - funded with 4% increase. No one talked about Mr. Graham investigating MAEAP. Clayton Harris, enjoyed going - will support people paying their fair share of taxes. There is no nefarious activity - bring it to the Prosecuting Attorney if you believe there is.

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Administrator Ashleigh Young: None.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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David Moyle, Board Chair