



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners  
Joint Special Meeting with Midland County  
Board Minutes, July 12, 2022**

**Kyle Grove, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, Gladwin Twp.)**  
**Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chairperson (Sage and Gladwin City)**  
**Michael Szuch District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Secord)**  
**Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Buckeye, Hay & Tobacco)**  
**Rick Grove, District 5, (Grout, Beaverton City, Beaverton)**

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a Joint Special Board Meeting with the Midland County Board of Commissioners on July 12, 2022 at the Meridian High School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Commissioner Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, all commissioners were present.

**The Board Reviewed the Agenda –**

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Motion made by Midland County Commissioner Bone to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Midland County Commissioner Dorrien; all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Attorney Joe Colaianne, of Clark Hill PLC, stated the purpose of the meeting, clarified the assessment process and the "at Large" for the County being 3%. At the request of Commissioner R. Grove, an explanation of the lots in the Special Assessment District was given.

Gladwin County Commissioner Karen Moore shared the process of public comment and the time limit of 3 minutes per person.

- Doug Hill, 587 Collette Rd., Beaverton, MI, President of the Wixom Lake Association, shared his thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Karen Price, 1619 Maple Point, Molasses River, shared her thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Bill Gebo, 3525 N. Sunset Way, Sanford, MI, Sanford Lake Association Vice President, shared his thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Jenny Colmes 521 West River Ct, Secord Lake Association, shared a letter from the Association in support of today's vote.
- Kelly Bax, 3893 W. Harsh Dr., Coleman MI, shared her thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Amy Bentley, 9169 Barkley Rd, Millington, MI, shared her thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Jamie Meister, 5338 Mallard Court, Beaverton, MI, shared a list of residents in support of today's vote.
- Brian Gardner, 5307 Oak Ridge Dr., Beaverton, MI, Wixom Lake Board of Directors, shared his thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Elaine Arnold, 2720 N. Lakeview, Sanford, Sanford Lake Association Board, shared her support for a yes vote at today's meeting.
- Rick Glover, 3651 N. Sunset Way, Sanford Lake, Sanford, MI, shared his thoughts in support of today's vote.
- John Hart, 541 E. Sunoil Rd., Smallwood Lake Association, shared his thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Jeff Sorenson, 3567 N. West Branch Dr, Gladwin, MI, Restore the Lakes, shared his thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Archie Shebester, 614 Birchwood Lane, Smallwood Lake, shared his thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Hue Woodrow, 1220 Birchwood Rd., Gladwin, MI, shared his thoughts in opposition of today's vote.

- Carol Heely, 979 Lakeshore Drive, Gladwin, MI, shared her thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Monica Wolf, 4422 Shock Rd., Beaverton, MI, shared her thoughts in support of Four Lakes Task Force and support for today's vote.
- Mary Draves, 4615 E. Parish Rd, Midland, MI, second home on Flock Rd. in Beaverton, MI, shared her thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Dawn Schaller, 1145 McKimmy Rd. Beaverton, MI, shared her questions on the assessment rolls as of today's date.
- Brandon Glod of Secord Lake shared his thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Known as man, shared her opposition of today's vote.
- Gary Howson, 4636 N. Water Rd, Sanford, MI, shared his thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Wade Stover, 5865 Hunter Rd, Wixom Lake, shared his thoughts in opposition of Four Lakes Task Force.
- Joel Vernier, 3583 West Branch Dr., Gladwin, MI, shared his thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Sandy Sikora, 1526 Pioneer Dr., Alger, MI, shared her thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Cassandra Robinson, 1009 Wallin St., Midland, MI, shared her thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Jeff Kinne, 256 Winegars Gladwin, shared his questions regarding a cost breakdown.
- Phil Deforest, 4025 N Meridian Rd, Midland, MI, shared his thoughts regarding the costs and processes of the restoration efforts.
- Dirk Athey, 1030 E. Pine River Rd, Midland, MI, share his thoughts regarding a special assessment.
- Joseph Creager, 5087 Wixom Drive, Billings Township, shared his thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Jayne Allen, 62 New Trail Road, Smallwood Lake, Gladwin County, shared her thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Kelly Schaller, 1145 McKimmey Dr., Beaverton, MI, shared her thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Unknown person of Edenville township, shared his thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Donna Hendershot, 570 Bushong Beach Dr., Smallwood Lake, shared her thoughts in support of today's vote.
- Linda Pagel, 5411 Campaul Dr., Midland, MI, shared her questions regarding the use of general funds toward this assessment.
- Mark Lewis, 1161 W. Pine River Rd, Breckenridge, MI, shared his thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Kimberly Sedlar, 4792 N Verity, Sanford, MI, shared her thoughts in opposition of today's vote.
- Dwane Ware, Midland County, shared his questions regarding a special assessment.
- Jeff Fitsimmons, no address given, stated he was making a formal declaration in opposition of today's vote.
- David Kosht, 407 Richmond, Hope, MI, shared his thoughts on a mixed view regarding today's vote.
- Linda Boman, 2232 N 5 Mile Rd., shared her thoughts in opposition to today's vote.

No other public comment.

## **New Business**

1. Scope and purpose of meeting – *David Kepler*  
Mr. Kepler shared information in reference to questions posed and comments made during public comment including but not limited to FLTF Vehicles, Michigan Compiled Laws, Wages and Grants. Mr. Kepler, on behalf of FLTF recommended to the Boards the approval of a special assessment.
2. Project Cost Computation of Operations and Maintenance Assessments – *President, Four Lakes Task Force, David Kepler*  
Mr. Kepler discussed estimates and permits, in relation to an assessment.
3. Assessment Rolls – *Senior Project Manager, Principal and Director - Spicer Group, Ron Hansen*  
Mr. Hansen shared information on the following:
  - a. Timeline/Process

- b. Methodology
  - c. Protests and Changes
4. Consideration of Resolution Pursuant to "Part 307" Act 451 Public Acts 1994.
- a. Cost for administration, operations, and maintenance of the lake levels and related facilities of the Four lakes for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024 totaling \$4,692,000 (\$1,564,000 assessed each year for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024).
  - b. 3-year operations and maintenance special assessment roll for years 2022, 2023, and 2024.
  - c. Estimated total project cost of \$250,000,000 in connection with the Lake Level Capital Improvement Project for Secord Lake, Smallwood Lake, Wixom Lake, and Sanford Lake.

Resolution read by Midland County Clerk, Ann Manary.

Midland County Commissioner Terwillegar offered a resolution approving Four Lakes Special Assessment District 3-Year Operational and Maintenance Project Cost, 2022 Four Lakes Special Assessment Roll, and Estimated Capital Improvements Project Costs; seconded by Midland County Commissioner Geisler. Roll Call Vote for Midland County 5 - Y, 0 -N, Resolution Adopted by Midland County. Gladwin County Roll Call Vote 7 - Y, 0 - N, Resolution Adopted by Gladwin County.

A motion was made by Midland County Commissioner Noesen to adjourn, seconded by Gladwin County Commissioner Szuch. Special Joint Meeting adjourned at 2:05.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FOUR LAKES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 3-YEAR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT COST, 2022 FOUR LAKES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND ESTIMATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COSTS (Midland and Gladwin Counties, Michigan) Resolution # 2022-16**

At a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gladwin held at the Meridian High School Auditorium, located at 3303 N. Meridian Road, Sanford, Michigan, commencing at 12:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on July 12, 2022:

PRESENT: K. Grove, Taylor, Szuch, Moore  
and R. Grove

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Terwilligar and seconded by Geisler:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 307 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1994, as amended ("Part 307"), the Midland County Board of Commissioners and the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners (each, a "County" and collectively, the "Counties") each appointed the Four Lakes Task force, a Michigan nonprofit corporation and organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), as the "delegated authority" of the Counties to perform the duties of the Counties with respect to maintaining the normal lake levels for Wixom Lake, Sanford Lake, Smallwood Lake and Secord Lake (collectively, the "Four Lakes") and the Four Lakes Special Assessment District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2018 the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners by resolution determined that the cost of the lake level project to establish, and maintain the normal level of the Four Lakes shall be defrayed by special assessments against privately owned parcels of land, political subdivisions of the state, and state-owned lands for the benefits derived; and,

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2019 the Midland County Circuit Court entered an Order setting the normal lake levels of the Four Lakes and confirmed the Four Lakes Special Assessment District boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Part 307 on June 29, 2022 the Delegated Authority held a public hearing in connection the: (1) the estimated computation of cost in connection with the Lake Level Capital Improvement Project for Secord Lake, Smallwood Lake, Wixom Lake and Sanford Lake ("Four Lakes"), (2) the computation of cost in connection with the 3-year cost and expenses with respect to the administration, operations and maintenance of the lake levels and related facilities of the Four Lakes for

the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, (3) a 3-year operations and maintenance special assessment roll ("special assessment roll") for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; and (4) hear any objections;

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Delegated Authority approved: (1) 3-year cost and expenses with respect to the administration, operations and maintenance of the lake levels and related facilities of the Four Lakes for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 totaling \$4,692,000 (\$1,564,000 assessed each year for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024); (2) a 3-year operations and maintenance special assessment roll for the Four Lakes Special Assessment District ("special assessment roll") for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; and estimated computation of cost in the amount of \$250,000,000 in connection with the Lake Level Capital Improvement Project for Secord Lake, Smallwood Lake, Wixom Lake and Sanford Lake.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The computation of cost, attached **Appendix A**, in connection with the 3-year cost and expenses with respect to the administration, operations and maintenance of the lake levels and related facilities of the Four Lakes for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 totaling \$4,692,000 (\$1,564,000 assessed each year for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024) is hereby approved.
2. The 3-year operations and maintenance special assessment roll for the Four Lakes Special Assessment District ("special assessment roll") for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 attached **Appendix B**, is hereby approved.
3. The estimated computation of cost in the amount of \$250,000,000 in connection with the Lake Level Capital Improvement Project for Secord Lake, Smallwood Lake, Wixom Lake and Sanford Lake, attached as **Appendix C**, is hereby approved.
4. This resolution shall become effective only if the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gladwin adopts a resolution substantially in the form of this resolution.

All resolutions and part of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby rescinded.

Roll Call:

Yeas: K. Grove, Taylor, Szuch, Moore  
R. Grove  
Nays: None

Resolution adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
                                      ) SS  
COUNTY OF GLADWIN        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County of Gladwin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members elect of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a special meeting of said Board of Commissioners at the Meridian High School Auditorium, located at 3303 N. Meridian Road, Sanford, Michigan, held at 12:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on July 12, 2022.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk  
County of Gladwin  
Resolution # 2022-16