



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners  
Joint Board Meeting with Midland County  
Minutes for February 06, 2024**

**Mike Visnaw, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, & Secord Twps.)**  
**Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chair (Sage, Gladwin Twp. & Gladwin City P1)**  
**Tammy O'Donnell, District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Hay Twps.)**  
**Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Buckeye, Beaverton City & Tobacco)**  
**Rick Grove, District 5, (Grout, Gladwin City P2, & Beaverton Twp.)**

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in a joint meeting with Midland County on February 06, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Gladwin County Chairperson Karen Moore and by Midland County Chairperson Mark Bone.

The Midland County Clerk made a statement regarding remote attendance for Midland County. Roll was called by both counties; all commissioners were present; Midland County Commissioner Dorrien attended virtually; the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Gladwin County Commissioner Visnaw and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the special agenda and set aside any Board Rules that are inconsistent with said agenda and the special meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Midland County Commissioner Smith motioned to move Public Comment to item C and New Business to item D. This motion was not seconded, motion died.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Joe Colianne, general counsel for Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF), explained the scope and purpose of the meeting and the documents before each board member. He gave a brief history of FLTF and the establishment of normal lake levels within the districts, as well as the law for establishing special assessments.

Dave Kepler, President of FLTF, reviewed multiple events of the last five years; discussed current cost estimates and gave examples of anticipated assessments. He reviewed some of the concerns of lake residents, shared the status of grants being sought by FLTF and the limited options for moving forward.

Kayla Stryker, Treasurer for FLTF, shared a breakdown of the Operations and Maintenance computation of costs, then reviewed the Capital computation of costs, followed by an overview of the updated Plan of Financing.

Ron Hansen, engineer for Spicer Group, shared information on the special assessment methodology and the process for creating the assessment roll.

Two proposed resolutions were read by Midland County Clerk Ann Mannery:

- Resolution Approving Four Lakes Special Assessment District 5-Year Operation and Maintenance Project Cost and Special Assessment Roll, and Capital Improvement Project Cost and Special Assessment Roll (Midland and Gladwin Counties, Michigan)

Gladwin County Chairperson Moore brought attention to the few differences between the Midland County and Gladwin County proposed resolutions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Visnaw and seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell to adopt the proposed resolution. Additional comments were made by Chairperson Moore. Roll Call vote, 5-y, 0-n; all in favor, motion declared adopted by Gladwin County.

Midland County's Resolution was also declared adopted in a 6-yes, 1- absent (virtual attendee, Commissioner Dorrien) vote.

- Resolution Approving Plan of Financing Four Lakes Special Assessment District and Pledging Full Faith and Credit of the County of Gladwin within Constitutional and Statutory Limitations for the Financing of The Four Lakes Level Project, Four Lakes Special Assessment District Bonds, Series 2024 (Midland and Gladwin Counties, Michigan)

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A motion was made by Commissioner Visnow and seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell to adopt the proposed resolution. Roll Call vote, 5-y, 0- n; all in favor, motion declared adopted.

Midland County's Resolution was also declared adopted in a 7-yes, 0- n, vote.

### **Public Comment**

- An unknown women shared her opinions in opposition to the assessment.
- Richard Lemmer, Beaverton MI shared his opinions in opposition to the assessment.
- Pete Morgan shared his support of FLTF volunteers, and opposition to the assessment.
- Mike Selinski, Smallwood Lake, shared his opposition to the assessment.
- Dawn Miller shared her opposition to the assessment.
- Dan Knots, Secord Lake, did not share support or opposition, but instead asked why the people responsible are not being held responsible.
- Mark Mudge, treasurer for the Smallwood Lake Association, shared a letter of support from the President of the Smallwood Lake Association.
- Melissa Nelson, Edenville, addressed the Boards with questions, and shared her support of the efforts to get the lakes back.
- George Fritz, River House Bar and Grill, shared his opposition of the assessment.
- Rick Monville shared his views of the assessments.
- A resident from Smallwood Dam shared his opposition to the assessment roll.
- Mr. Haas asked for a definition on transparency and shared his opposition to the assessment.
- Randy McDonald, Hammer Builders, shared his opposition to the assessment.
- Rick from Smallwood Lake gave his time to Mike Selinski to speak again.
- An unknown speaker shared his opposition to the assessment.
- Shayna (?), Tittabaswee River shared her views on the assessment.
- Elizabeth Gorder (?) Shared her opposition to the assessment.
- Karl Hamman, Village of Sanford, shared his support of elected officials, and opposition to the assessment roll.
- Terrance Hall, Edenville township, shared his views on other options and his support for the process.
- Resident refused to give his name, shared his opposition of the assessment roll.
- Ken Armstrong, Sanford Lake, shared questions on property taxes vs. values resulting from the assessment.
- Kimberly Sedlar, Sanford, shared her concerns over poor communication.
- An unidentified resident shared her opposition to the assessments.
- Brent Wilson, Secord Lake resident, shared his support of getting the lakes back.
- Doug Hill, President of the Wixom Lake Association, shared the opinions.
- Unknown resident shared her opposition of the assessments.
- George Fritz addressed the board again.

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township supervisor, shared his views on working with legislatures to help with assessments.
- Kelly Schaller, Wixom Lake, shared her opinions on Board conduct.
- An unknown resident shared his opposition to the assessment.
- Gary (?), Wixom Lake, shared his opposition to the assessment.
- Dana Dryer, on behalf of Beverly Dryer, shared his opposition to the assessment.

Midland Chairperson Bone shared that the Boards do care and will continue to fight for funding of the dams.

Motion to adjourn by seconded by Midland Commissioner Glaser, seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar; all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

  
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Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

  
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Karen Moore, Chairperson