

Approved Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2023 Harsens Island Transportation Authority

Meeting called to order by Harold Bain at 10:40AM

Roll Call:

Present: Harold Bain, Gary Beaulau, Dennis Szymanski, Paul Cassidy

Absent Excused: Skip Tornow

Public Comments

Any updates on the potential landing sites?

Have any grants been submitted?

Approval of April 8th Meeting Minutes

Motion by Gary Beaulau to approve minutes, Szymanski second, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Report attached and posted on website

Update on Audit 2023 – looking to contract local accounting firm to develop an ongoing relationship which satisfies the issues raised in the audit.

Board of Director's Insurance has been renewed through April 2024

Motion by Szymanski to file treasurer's report for 5/13/23 and a contract to secure local accounting firm and review at next meeting. Supported by Bain, motion passes.

Chairperson's report

In reviewing Act 196 in great length, specifically Section 124.164 and Section 124.464 (H) and (K), it is imperative that we have a legal interpretation and decisions on their meaning.

Our Grant Writer has also indicated that SEMCOG will only give grant \$ to Clay Township, not HITA, need a legal decision and potential conflict of interest.

Motion by Szymanski to hire attorney for legal interpretations, no to exceed

\$5,000. Bain seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

HITA assistant Report -

Updated on meetings attended and establishing relationships.

Waiting on a support letter from St Clair County Board of Commissioners

Working on streamlining the website but all is up and running

Feasibility study – RFP's with a cover letter from Harold to 9 vendors

Times Herald Interviewed Harold – Letter will be posted to the website.

New Business

HITA Funding Discussion -

Continue work on grant applications

Sheri Faust – Friends of St. Clair River

Presentation by Sheri Faust and the efforts of this non-profit organization.

Creating partnerships and community education

Environmental monitoring

Land Care and stewardship

Recreation – Bridge to Bay trail

Fundraisers

Looking forward to getting to know HITA better and assist you with any of your projects – we have a lot of

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RFP Feasibility Study – can anyone get a copy?

Covered grants that have been submitted.

Adjourn

11:40AM - Motion to adjourn by Bain, seconded by Beaulau – motion passed

