

**EXHIBIT A**

**OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL BALLOT LANGUAGE**

**HARSENS ISLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the Harsens Island Transportation Authority be authorized to levy up to 4.50 mills (\$4.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all taxable property within the Harsens Island Transportation Authority's geographic boundaries (the boundary lines of Voting Precinct No. Four (4) of the Township of Clay) for a period of five (5) years, 2024 through 2028, inclusive, as new additional millage, for the purpose of providing funds for public transportation services? It is estimated that 4.50 mills would raise approximately \$866,223 when first levied in 2024.

YES

NO

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## HARSENS ISLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

### RESOLUTION SUBMITTING OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Harsens Island Transportation Authority held on the 1st day of December, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members: WAYNE TORNOW HAROLD BAIN  
LARRY BEAULAC DENNIS SZMANSKI

ABSENT: Members: PAUL CASSIDY

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member TORNOW and supported by Member SZMANSKI

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Township of Clay, County of St. Clair, Michigan, has incorporated the Harsens Island Transportation Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the provisions of Act 196, Public Acts of Michigan, 1986, as amended ("Act 196"); and

WHEREAS, Act 196 and the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority allow the Board to levy a tax for public transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to submit an operating millage proposal of up to 4.5 mills to the qualified electors of the Authority at an election expected to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 or such other date as may be provided under Michigan law as the first regular election of 2024 to occur on or after February 27, 2024 (the "Election Date"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the operating millage proposal to be submitted to the Authority's electors on the Election Date, it is necessary for the Board to certify the ballot wording of the proposal to the County Clerk of the County of St. Clair, Michigan (the "County Clerk") and, as applicable, the Township Clerk of the Township of Clay (the "Township Clerk"), as required by Act 196 and Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended (the "Michigan Election Law"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The operating millage proposal appearing on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors residing in the Authority at an election to be held on the Election Date.

2. The ballot wording of the operating millage proposal is hereby certified to the Township Clerk and the County Clerk. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file this Resolution and/or complete any such forms, certificates or documents as may be required by the Township Clerk or County Clerk to evidence the foregoing certification and/or submission by no later than Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

3. The Township Clerk and the County Clerk, as applicable, are hereby directed to (a) post and publish notice of last day of registration and notice of election as required by the Michigan Election Law; and (b) have prepared and printed, as provided by the Michigan Election Law, ballots for submitting the operating millage proposal at the election, which ballots shall contain the proposal appearing herein, or the proposition shall be stated as a proposal on the voting machines, which ballots may include other matters presented to the electorate on the same date.

4. As provided in Section 18(3) of Act 196, MCL 124.468(3), the operating millage shall not be levied except upon approval of a majority of the registered electors residing in the Authority affected and qualified to vote and voting on the tax at the Election Date.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: WAYNE TORNOW GARY BEALLAC  
HAROLD BAIN DENNIS SZMAANSKI

NAYS: Members: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Wayne Tornow  
Secretary  
Harsens Island Transportation Authority

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Harsens Island Transportation Authority, State of Michigan, held on December 1, 2023, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Wayne Tornow  
Secretary  
Harsens Island Transportation Authority