

Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2022

1. **Call to Order** - *Vice-Chair Carolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: *Namrata Carolan, Vice-Chair; Jack McLain, Secretary; Michael Clark; Doug Ingles; Annette Scoville*

Members Absent: *Aaron Ritter, Chair-Excused; Susan Smith-Excused; Troy Reehl; Andy Welden*
3. **Approval of Minutes** - *Motion by Clark to approve the September 19, 2022 minutes. Second by Scoville. Approved unanimously.*
4. **Approval of Agenda** - *Motion by Clark to approve the November 21, 2022 agenda. Second by McLain. Approved unanimously.*
5. **Public Comment** - *No public comment.*
6. **Public Hearings** - *No public hearings scheduled.*
7. **Unfinished Business** - *No unfinished business listed.*
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications**
 - i. Wright Township – Smith (Section 7 T8S R1W 54 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement
 - ii. Wright Township – Smith (Section 8 T8S R1W 74.58 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement
 - iii. Wright Township – Smith (Section 9 T8S R1W 118.23 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement
 - iv. Wright Township – Smith (Section 9 T8S R1W 38.99 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement
 - v. Wright Township – Smith (Section 17 T8S R1W 40 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement
 - vi. Wright Township – Smith (Section 18 T8S R1W 40 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement
 - vii. Wright Township – Smith (Section 18 T8S R1W 62.6 acres m/l)
Program Type: Farmland Development Rights Agreement

Motion by McLain to recommend approval of all seven applications. Second by Clark. Approved unanimously.
 - b. **Adopt 2023 Meeting Schedule** - *Motion by Scoville to approve the 2023 meeting schedule as follows:*

January 23, 2023 (4th Monday)

March 20, 2023
May 15, 2023
July 17, 2023
September 18, 2023
November 20, 2023

All meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the County Office Building, 33 McCollum Street, Room 210, Hillsdale, Michigan, 49242. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and special meetings may be called. *Second by McLain. Approved unanimously.*

9. Any Other Business/On-going Business

- a. Continued discussion on update of Master Plan (Including Land Use Map) & discuss options for professional assistance - There was discussion on the process for updating the plan and the need for professional assistance. A motion was made by McLain to have support staff contact MSU Extension for an update to the list of services they provided a couple years ago and to contact Region 2 Planning Commission about services they may provide and inquire if they would be willing to attend a future meeting of the County Planning Commission. The motion was second by Scoville. The motion was approved unanimously. A motion was made by Clark to review the master plans of similar counties in preparation of updating the Hillsdale County master plan. The motion was seconded by Scoville. The motion was approved unanimously.*
- b. Review of member terms expiring at the end of 2022 – Support staff will check with the County Clerk about the process for posting the positions that are up for appointment in 2023.*

10. Public Comment - No public comment

11. Communications - None

12. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by McLain. Second by Scoville. Approved unanimously to adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

Jack McLain, Secretary

Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale