16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting January 2, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Simon.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump (DeWitt Twp.), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.), & Cynthia Robinson (DeWitt Twp.)

Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt),

AGENDA

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the agenda dated January 2, 2024. Motion voted

and carried.

MINUTES

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the December 19, 2023, minutes, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

a. Robinson moved, Stump seconded, to approve the November 2023 financials as presented.

Motion voted and carried.

b. November 2023 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on the status of the Program Coordinator search, and the progress of working with HRM Services to update the Personnel Policy and Job Descriptions.

Coordinator- Sierra Dove did not provided a

coordinator report.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed

coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stump moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the Executive Director Annual Review and to increase Stevens' salary by five per cent. Motion voted and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the

2024 Budget Adjustment for consulting up to

\$5000. Motion voted and carried.

Hunsaker suggested working on the edits to HRM Services policy updates. Hunsaker will obtain a copy of the City of DeWitt's policy manual and Stump will obtain DeWitt Township's for

comparison.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Hunsaker recommended a lighting/electrical

upgrade in Activity Room #2 so the lighting doesn't

turn off during the meetings.

Simon requested that election of officers be an

agenda item on the February agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to adjourn

at 7:00 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting February 6, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Simon.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump (DeWitt Twp.), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.) Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt), & Cynthia Robinson (DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

AGENDA

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the agenda dated February 6, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

MINUTES

Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes with the correction to reflect that Dickens was not present at the January meeting. Motion voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

a. Dickens moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the December 2023 financials as presented. Motion voted and carried.

b. December 2023 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board that DARA will soon be receiving a new copier/printer, that discussions on a merit award for Plaugher are warranted, and that DARA has signed up for the Community Showcase. He is also looking at a pay increase for summer camp staff, and that the door system was still not functioning properly. Gallagher made note that when she visited the DARA After School program that staff did not make contact with her, as a stranger to camp, in a timely manner. Stevens said that we would work with his staff on effective measures not have that happen again.

Coordinator- Sierra Dove did not provided a coordinator report.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Personnel Handbook

Stevens was given ten days to collect

recommendations from DARA Board members for potential edits or updates to the draft handbook that HMRS provided. He would then have a conversation with HRMS staff to make the appropriate edits. The hope is that the next draft of the handbook could be reviewed at the March

2024 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Hunsaker moved, Dickens seconded, to approve the elections of Doug Simon as Chair and Cynthia Robinson as Vice-chair of the DARA Board of Commissioners. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Hunsaker and Gallagher gave updates on the new Ox Roast Festival committee. There are at least 20

volunteers working towards its success.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to adjourn

at 7:00 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting March 5, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:0 p.m. by Chair Simon.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump

(DeWitt Twp.), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.) Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt), & Cynthia Robinson

(DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt)

AGENDA Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve

the agenda dated March 5, 2024. Motion voted

and carried.

MINUTES Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve

the February 6, 2024 minutes as presented.

Motion voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT a. Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to

approve the January 2024 financials as presented.

Motion voted and carried.

b. January 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on

file.

STAFF REPORTS Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board

Coordinator- Sierra Dove did not provided a

coordinator report.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed

coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Personnel Handbook

Stevens will take the advice from the Board

NEW BUSINESS Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the

Merit Award for Plaugher as presented. Motion

voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Hunsaker gave updates on the Ox Roast Festival committee and proceedings. Stump alluded to the beginning steps of the new public safety building being developed on Business 27. Simon stated that he heard the winter event is the City of DeWitt ran very well. He also commended staff for the work on the summer camp.

ADJOURNMENT

Stump moved, Dickens seconded, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting April 2, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Simon.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump (DeWitt Twp.), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.) Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt) & Cynthia Robinson (DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

AGENDA

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the agenda dated April 2, 2024. Motion voted and

carried.

MINUTES

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the March 5, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion

voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

a. Gallagher moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the February 2024 financials as presented. Motion voted and carried.

b. February 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on the upcoming DARA partnership events: DeWitt Community Showcase, DeWitt Summer Reading Kickoff, and the Ox Roast Sunday Funday. He updated the Board on the staffing search, and

the completed Egg Hunt events

Coordinator- Sierra Dove did not provided a

coordinator report.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed

coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hunsaker moved, Dickens seconded, to approve the Personnel Handbook with the administrative changes. Motion voted and carried. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Hunsaker informed the Board the Mayor's Ox Roast overview on the City's website. Gallagher would like to see a senior first aid class provided. Robinson wondered if DARA would be present at the Farmers Market this year. Stump would like Stevens to investigate EAP options for the Authority, and provided updates to the public

safety building and dog park.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to adjourn

at 6:28 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting May 7, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Robinson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump (DeWitt Twp.), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt) & Cynthia Robinson (DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt)

AGENDA

Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to approve the agenda dated May 7, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

MINUTES

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the April 2, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

a. Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the March 2024 financials as presented. Motion voted and carried.

b. March 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on the DeWitt Community Showcase event he attended, and about a new hire for the Program Coordinator-Special Populations. He also informed the Board on the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority's renewal and what the upcoming rates would be, as well has his work in trying to establish and Employee Assistance Plan with Sparrow Occupational Health. He also talked about the upcoming DARA Granger meadow Pickleball tournament.

Coordinator- Sierra Dove did not provided a coordinator report.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stevens updated the Board that he is working with

representatives from the Fahey, Schultz, Burzych &

Rhodes Law Firm to review the Personnel

Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

Hunsaker moved, Simon seconded, to approve the 2023 DARA Financial Audit as presented. Motion

voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Gallagher inquired about what job description we

used for the posting, and Stevens responded that

he used the new one that was created.

Simon thanked the staff and DeWitt Township

Treasurer for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to adjourn at

6:45 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting June 4, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Robinson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump

(DeWitt Twp.), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt) & Cynthia Robinson

(DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt)

AGENDA Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to approve

the agenda dated June 4, 2024. Motion voted and

carried.

MINUTES Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the

May 7, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion voted

and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT a. Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to

approve the April 2024 financials as presented.

Motion voted and carried.

b. April 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on

two new Coordinator hires. Bekah Kaguni, Program Coordinator-Special Populations, and Paige Bouwens, Program Coordinator-Children's Programs. He also informed the Board about the

Library's Summer Reading Kickoff.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed

coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Stevens updated the Board that he is working with

representatives from the Fahey, Schultz, Burzych &

Rhodes Law Firm to review the Personnel

Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Gallagher reminded the Board that August 18 is the Ox Roast's Sunday Funday and that DARA representatives would be there to run an

inflatable.

Stump said that contractors are back on site and continuing work for the new municipality building.

Also, the pickleball courts will be closed

temporarily for painting.

Simon said that he was looking forward to meeting

the new staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to adjourn at

6:39 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting July 2, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Simon.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump (DeWitt Twp.), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt) & Cynthia Robinson (DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt)

AGENDA

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the agenda dated July 2, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

MINUTES

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the June 4, 2024 minutes with the correction of removing Robinson from being in attendance. Motion voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

a. Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the May 2024 financials as presented. Motion voted and carried.

b. May 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director- Setevens provided a detailed Director report

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed coordinator report.

Coordinator Kaguni reported that she is planning Fab Fun nights for children with cognitive and physical disabilities as well as planning a drive-in movie night on the Miracle League of Mid-

Michigan baseball field.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the Personnel Handbook with the legal review subject to change effective August 1, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to adjourn

at 6:54 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting August 13, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Simon.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump

(DeWitt Twp.), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.), & Stella

Gallagher (City of DeWitt)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt) & Cynthia Robinson

(DeWitt Twp.)

AGENDA Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the

agenda dated August 13, 2024. Motion voted and

carried.

MINUTES Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the

June 4, 2024 minutes with the correction of the misspelling of Stevens' name. Motion voted and

carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT a. Gallagher moved, Stump seconded, to approve

the June 2024 financials with the adjustment to move June revenue from Trainings to Dues and

Membership. Motion voted and carried.

b. June 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on a

potential sponsor the Miracle League of Mid-Michigan, that DARA will have a presence at the Ox Roast Fun Day, and budget concerns regarding phone reimbursement and insurance opt outs.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed

coordinator report.

Coordinator Kaguni provided a detailed

coordinator report.

Coordinator Bouwens provided a detailed

coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve 2025 DARA Budget. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Hunsaker and Gallagher both spoke to their excitement about the upcoming DeWitt Ox Roast. Stump informed the Board on the progress of the new fire station. Simon thanks Stevens and DARA staff for hard work at DARA Summer Fun Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Stump moved, Gallager seconded, to adjourn at

7:00 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners-Regular Meeting September 3, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Simon.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump

(DeWitt Twp.), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.), & Stella

Gallagher (City of DeWitt)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt) & Cynthia Robinson

(DeWitt Twp.)

AGENDA Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to approve

the agenda dated September 33, 2024. Motion

voted and carried.

MINUTES Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the

August 13, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion

voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT a. Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve

the July 2024 financials as presented. Motion

voted and carried.

b. July 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on file.

STAFF REPORTS Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on

when he will present the budget to the City of DeWitt and DeWitt Township boards. He also mentioned the new guidelines for earned sick time

for part-time employees.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed

coordinator report.

Coordinator Kaguni provided a detailed

coordinator report.

Coordinator Bouwens provided a detailed

coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve 2025 DARA Budget adjustment for cell phone reimbursement as presented. Motion voted and carried.
- b. Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to approve 2025 DARA Health Plan Buyout Policy as presented. Motion voted and carried.
- c. Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the November meeting date change as presented. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Stump informed the Board of Commissioners that DeWitt Township Manager, Andrew Dymczyk, has accepted the position of City Manager with the City of Portland and will be exiting in mid-September. She also noted that there will be two new DeWitt Township Trustees.

Simon praised the City of DeWitt representatives for a job well done at the DeWitt Ox Roast Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting October 1, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Robinson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump (DeWitt Twp.), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt), Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt) & Cynthia Robinson

(DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.)

AGENDA

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the agenda dated October 1, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

MINUTES

Stump moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the September 3, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

a. Hunsaker moved, Gallagher seconded, to approve the August 2024 financials as presented. Motion voted and carried.

b. August 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on file. Hunakser recommended that the Authority no longer work with the Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC

PLC

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on Kaguni's resignation, his upcoming trip to Atlanta for the National Recreation and Park Association's annual conference. He also informed them on Plaugher's intent to take the Certified Recreation and Park Professional exam, as well as upcoming games for the Miracle League of Mid-Michigan with Michigan State University Baseball and Softball teams.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed coordinator report.

Coordinator Bouwens provided a detailed coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Gallagher requested that the Board of

Commissioners get a new Employee Handbook from Stevens. Dickens thanked the commissioners for their patience. Stump will not be in attendance

for the November 12 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Dickens seconded, to adjourn at

6:41 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

16101 Brook Rd., Lansing, MI 48906 (517) 482-5117 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting December 3, 2024

The Board of Commissioner's meeting of the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority was called to order at 6:80 p.m. by Vice-Chair Robinson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Hunsaker (City of DeWitt), Sandy Stump (DeWitt Twp.), Stella Gallagher (City of DeWitt), Doug Simon (DeWitt Twp.) & Cynthia Robinson

(DeWitt Twp.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Dickens (City of DeWitt)

AGENDA

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the agenda dated December 3, 2024. Motion

voted and carried.

MINUTES

Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the October 1, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion

voted and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

a. Stump moved, Gallagher seconded, to approve the October 2024 financials as presented. Motion

voted and carried.

b. October 2024 bills were reviewed and placed on

file.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director- Stevens updated the Board on the status of the Financial Services Agreement with DeWitt Township, the posting of the open Coordinator position, and his current work with mParks and the State Legislature. He also spoke to the schedule for Board Pay, Sick time buyouts, and the upcoming legislation regarding sick pay for

part-time employees.

Coordinator- Isaiah Plaugher provided a detailed

coordinator report.

Coordinator Bouwens provided a detailed

coordinator report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Robinson moved, Hunsaker seconded, to approve the Executive Director Review as presented and a salary increase of 5% for Director Stevens as presented. Motion voted and carried.
- b. Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the budget expenditure overages as presented. Motion voted and carried.
- c. Hunsaker moved, Stump seconded, to approve the Holiday Dates as presented. Motion voted and carried.
- d. Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to approve the Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates as presented. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Hunsaker said that the Turkey Trot had at least 700 participants, and the Christmas Market was a success. He also said that he and the Mayor had two student from DeWitt High School as job shadowers.

Stump recommended that DARA continue monitoring the a sick-time buyout policy and ESTA requirements.

Robinson informed the Board that she will continue her service for another term.

Simon thanked Stevens for a strong year.

ADJOURNMENT

Hunsaker moved, Robinson seconded, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion voted and carried.