

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
THORNAPPLE RIVER SAD AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
January 17, 2022 at 5:30pm
Cascade Township Hall
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Trustee Shipley, Members, Scott Rissi, Thomas Keith, Mike Wiegand, Jeff Carpenter, Paul Strauss, Charles Whitley, Lori Gottlieb

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze

Members of the Public: None

ARTICLE 1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:00p

ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Member Rissi, Supported by Member Keith to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment: No Members from the public

ARTICLE 4. Approval of the Minutes of the 12.27.21 Meeting: Motion by Member Rissi, Supported by Member Keith to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 5. Review and Consideration of Aquatic Weed Management RFP - Manager Swayze explained that the RFP was a little different in that costs won't be known until a plan is put together, as such the RFP was designed to solicit costs such as per acre chemical application costs, per acre mechanical harvesting costs, control plan survey costs, etc...

Committee will be responsible for reviewing the proposals and making a recommendation to the Township Board. Evaluation criteria is designed to provide latitude to both the Committee and Board for making decisions. Schedule for RFP was reviewed.

Discussion ensued. Committee discussed timelines, contract length and renewals and insurance requirements. Committee would like clarification from legal counsel on whether indemnification is required for all SAD members or just the Township.

Motion by Member Rissi, Supported by Member Keith to recommend Township Board approve issuance of the RFP. Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 6. Roundtable Q & A Discussion was held regarding other aspects of river management and future planning opportunities. Budget will need to be developed once a consultant is selected.

ARTICLE 7. Discuss and Consider Future Meeting Dates/Times: Monday evenings generally work for everyone. Twice monthly meetings may be necessary to ensure 2022 weed removal plan can be formulated quickly enough. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 14.

ARTICLE 8. Public Comment None

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm

Approved by the Thornapple River SAD Ad-Hoc Committee – TBD