

**CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
THORNAPPLE RIVER SAD AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 27, 2021 at 5:00pm  
Cascade Township Hall  
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**Members Present:** Trustee Shipley, Members Leann Rowland, Scott Rissi, Thomas Keith, Mike Wiegand, Jeff Carpenter

**Others Present:** Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze

**Members of the Public:** Chuck Whitley, Paul Strauss (via Zoom)

**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 Trustee Shipley to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment:** Two visitors were acknowledged

**ARTICLE 4. Introductions:** Each member introduced themselves and commented on the reasons they chose to join the committee. Members of the public in attendance introduced themselves as well.

**ARTICLE 5. Review of Proposed Budget/Development of Process:** TM Swayze the initial budget that was included as part of the SAD approval process. It was reviewed that there are 301 properties in the SAD that will generate \$90,300 per year in funding. The expectation is in year 1 some administrative reimbursements to the Township will need to be made, but they will be minimal going forward. Discussion ensued. Consensus was that year 1 focus should be on the development of a weed management program. Committee discussed procurement process and it was determined an RFP should be issued to solicit bids. TM Swayze will develop an RFP document and bring it back to the committee for review.

Suggestion was made that the committee should focus on developing a Strategic Plan to develop a multi-year river management strategy

Discussion was held on debris removal activities. Committee agreed that when the budget is developed it should include funding for reactive debris management until a proactive program can be considered

**ARTICLE 6. Roundtable Q & A** Discussion was held regarding other aspects of river management and future planning opportunities

**ARTICLE 7. Discuss and Consider Future Meeting Format** Monday evenings generally work for everyone. Twice monthly meetings may be necessary to ensure 2022 weed removal plan can be formulated quickly enough.

**ARTICLE 8. Public Comment** Mr. Strauss & Mr. Whitley provided feedback to the committee

**Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-1. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm

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