

Special /Joint Meeting
Luce County and Mackinac County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 4, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
Circuit Court Room
County Government Building
407 W. Harrie Street
Newberry, MI 49868

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Luce County Commissioners Present: Commissioners, Clark, Morrison,
Rathje, Henry and Wheeler
Luce County Commissioners Absent: None

Mackinac County Commissioners Present: Commissioners, Litzner,
Clark, Kaiser and St. Louis-Scott
Mackinac County Commissioners Absent: Patrick

GUESTS: Sterling McGinn, Jim Mattson, Jim Gagier,
Dawn Dombrowski, Tom Bronz, Brad Defort, Mike Soder,
Stacey Hissong, Luke O'Brien

The Luce County Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Jim Mattson stated the following: I hope we can resolve this situation. The information I gave you at your last meeting clearly states who can remove the boards. Right now, our levels are too low and the boards need to be removed.

Jim Gagier stated the following: I am very disappointed in the management of lake levels last year. I was unable to get my boat out.

Dawn Dembrowski stated the following: I would like you to keep in mind the businesses around the lake. It is the base for our economy and tourism. Businesses are reliant on the lakes.

Tom Bronz stated the following: I live on the lake and I want to present you with a picture I took of the lake today.

Brad Defort stated the following: We have lost close to a foot at our place and we would have to buy another 200 extra feet of dock to get our boat out. The water level has never been this low.

Mike Soder stated the following: I have lived on the lake my whole life. We are in a drought right now. I have lost so much beach over the past years. Trees are falling in the lake because the water is too high.

Stacy Hissong with Fahey, Schutlz, Burzych and Rhodes law firm presented information to both Luce and Mackinac County Commissioners. Both boards passed a joint resolution establishing a delegated authority committee.

Henry upon support of Rathje offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the joint resolution as amended between Luce County and Mackinac County in establishing a delegated authority committee comprised of Luce County Commissioner, Mackinac County Commissioner, Lakefield Township board member, Portage Township board member and 3 members (to be appointed by other committee members) who live or have property on the lake.

Luce County Roll Call:

Moved by: Henry

Supported by: Rathje

Ayes: Clark, Morrison, Rathje, Henry, Wheeler

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mackinac County Roll Call:

Moved by: Clark

Supported by: St. Louis-Scott

Ayes: Clark, Kaiser, Litzner, St. Louis-Scott

Nays: None

Absent: Patrick

Stacy Hissong with Fahey, Schults, Burzych and Rhodes law firm answered questions from the public along with Luke O'Brien with Spicer Group.

Public Comment:

Jim Mattson stated the following: The people who pulled the boards violated the law. Now you are establishing a committee with the same people who pulled the boards.

Mackinac County resident stated the following: I wonder how much money is in the General Fund before you start placing special assessments and I wonder if you know who you truly represent.

The Luce County Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Hillary Vowell
County Clerk