

**Members Present:** President Joe Krapohl, Vice President James Washington, Commissioners: Joe Madore, Michael Lynch, Mike Keeler, Cloyce Dickerson, Jeff Wright, Bryant Nolden, Gloria Nealy

**Members Absent:** Secretary William Lucas

**Staff Present:** Amy McMillan, Director, Nancy Edwards, Recreation Programs and Grant Officer; Deborah Wilkes, Secretary, Hollie Marlett, Seasonal Marketing Assistant

**Others Present:** Gail Viers-Cook

**1) Call to Order.**

President Krapohl presided and called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. President Krapohl welcomed Gloria Nealy, our new representative from the Planning Commission.

**2) Opportunity for members of the public to address the commission.**

According to commission rules, the public has three minutes to address the commission. Please state your name and address for the record.

**3) Consent Agenda.** President Krapohl asked commissioners if there are any other items they wish to remove from the consent agenda for discussion. No items were removed from the consent agenda.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Keeler  
Supported by Commissioner Washington

**Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items A through D, as listed in your information packet.**

**Roll Call**

**Yeas:** Wright, Krapohl, Nolden, Keeler, Nealy, Dickerson, Madore, Lynch, Washington

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Secretary William Lucas is absent.

**MOTION CARRIED 9-0**

**4) Director's Report.**

a. Genesee Belle Repainting. This is the year the Belle needs to come out of the water for inspection so while it is out of the water it will be repainted. It will take two cranes to get the boat out of the water to be cleaned and repainted. Earlier this year the Purchasing Department put out a bid for painting services. The lowest bid is from MMP, a local union company we have worked with before and we've had a good experience with in the past. The bid is within our financial grasp, although higher than we had expected it to be so that may have some impact on some other projects down the line, but we are satisfied with the bids we received and we are recommending that you approve it today.

Wright: How many bids were there?

AMM: Three, the highest was 199,154.00 then 184,853.00, there was a tremendous range in price.

Nolden: With these upgrades, what does it entail?

AMM: It will be scraped, cleaned, patched, painted, re-coated. The DNR has a requirement that it comes out of the water every 60 months. That requirement was suspended several years ago because the DNR did not have staff to do the permits. And we had some financial issues, so instead they did underwater inspections for us. It will take about mid-summer to complete the work if the weather cooperates.

Nolden: How old is boat?

AMM: 20 yrs old, it will be paid off this year.

Keeler: So they will have to pick it up and put it on shore? How do they keep paint out of water? How long will it last? The hull is steel?

AMM: It will be out of the water and suspended. They have to adhere to all environmental requirements . The paint should last a good 15 yrs. and in another 60 months it may have to come out of the water again for inspection. It is a specialty job and if we could do the work ourselves we would have, but that is not possible. I believe the hull is steel.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Wright

Supported by Commissioner Washington

**Motion and support to award the contract for painting for the Genesee Belle to Mid Michigan Pride Painting in the amount of \$102,345.00**

**Yeas:** Dickerson, Washington, Keeler, Madore, Lynch, Krapohl, Nealy, Nolden, Wright

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Secretary William Lucas is absent.

**MOTION CARRIED 9-0**

b. The Board of Commissioners ratified the parks commission action to submit grants, one being the Atlas Township partnership for a section of the Iron Belle Trail; a barrier free Playground; an ADA accessible entrance to beach and lake. All three grants were submitted on time and online by April 1. Thank you to Deb Wilkes for getting it all submitted on time on the new online process and working with the DNR staff to make that happen.

Also the Planning Commission was instrumental in working with us on all of our trail grants. Derrick and his staff helped us put together the matching funds from the TAP program for that trail project. They did a great job on that.

The Road Commission representative already has three or four projects of ours stacked on his desk, but was also able to help with verification with site control right of way for the Atlas project. This has been a true cooperative and joint effort between many different county departments and townships within Genesee County so we are very excited about that. State representatives and our senators will also be asked to send a letter of support to the DNR.