

**A.R.P.A. COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

***CONFERENCE ROOM 302– ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, COUNTY COMPLEX  
255 CLAY STREET, LAPEER, MI 48446***

Chairman Kevin Knisely called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 p.m. in Conference Room 302 in the Administration Office on the third floor of the County Complex.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Kevin Knisely, Gary Howell, and Tom Kohlman.

Others: Moses Sanzo, County Controller/Administrator; Jackie Arnold, CFO; Doreen Clark, Office Manager; John Bustle, Building & Grounds/Parks Director, and Jillian Weiss, Special Events Coordinator.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed.

**Motion by Howell, supported by Kohlman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 26, 2023 ARPA Committee Meeting were briefly reviewed and discussed.

**Motion by Kohlman, supported by Howell, to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2023 A.R.P.A. Committee Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**TORZEWSKI COUNTY WATERPARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OPTIONS**

John Bustle stated that they worked with H2A Architects to develop three options for the Committee's consideration related to the Torzewski County Waterpark Improvement Project. Jillian Weiss, Special Events Coordinator, gave a 72-page powerpoint presentation detailing all three options and what is provided in each of the options. Option #1 provides the most updates all throughout the waterpark area, bathrooms, new entrance, shaded seating, mechanical improvements, lockers, signage, and fencing. Option #1 also includes another pavilion inside the waterpark area which would generate some new revenues for individuals who want to utilize it for birthday parties and special events, however, this option is not included in Option #2 or #3. Lengthy questions and discussion followed regarding the various options, potential revenue, potential for charging a basic vehicle "entrance fee" to the entire park for those utilizing the new disk golf area and other park amenities. Jackie Arnold, CFO, also provided some other funding options for other expenses, if needed down the road. Building & Grounds/Parks would need to proceed with an RFP for the project if the Committee decides to commit ARPA funding for the proposed project. It was a consensus to have the CFO prepare revenue and operating cost projections and bring back to the ARPA Committee on November 9<sup>th</sup> for Option #1.

**Motion by Kohlman, supported by Howell, to recommend to the Full Board to commit to "Option #1" for the proposed Torzewski County Wetlands Water Park renovation project, as presented, and to authorize Building and Grounds/Parks to proceed with preparing and issuing an RFP for the proposed project and report back to the ARPA committee following the bid closure, with the understanding that the County intends to allocate ARPA funds for the proposed project (Fund 281 (expenditure category 2.35). Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion by Mast, supported by Kohlman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 1:10 p.m.**

Kevin Knisely, Chairman  
Lapeer County A.R.P.A. Committee

*Minutes prepared by Doreen Clark, Office Manager*