

**NOTICE OF SEMI-MONTHLY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
And AUDIT/FINANCE MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Thursday, October 24, 2024**, in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, Manistique, Michigan, commencing at **5:00 P.M.**

The following is the proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes: October 10, 2024, Board and Audit-Finance Meeting

5. Approval of agenda
6. Public Hearings: FY24/25 Proposed Budget
7. Brief Public Comment
8. Old and unfinished business
9. New Business:

Indian Lake/Gulliver/McDonald Lake Authority Update
Indian Lake Authority Board Appointment
Gulliver Lake Authority Board Appointment
McDonald Lake Authority Board Appointment
Brownfield Authority Board - Advertisement
Apportionment Report - Equalization
Audit/Finance Committee Recommendations/Action Items

10. Committee and department reports
11. Announcements and notices
12. Public Comment
13. Commissioner's Comments
14. Communications
15. Audit Claims and Vouchers
16. Budget Adjustments
17. Adjournment

And, to take up and consider any other matter which may lawfully come before the Board at this time.

Paul Walker
Paul Walker, Chairperson
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

Craig Reiter
Craig Reiter, Chairperson Audit-Finance
Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

Public may view this meeting via zoom (listening purposes only) no public comment or interaction via zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
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**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING and AUDIT/FINANCE MEETING**

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioner’s Board Meeting / Audit Finance Meeting met on Thursday, October 10, 2024 in the District Courtroom of the Schoolcraft County Building, City of Manistique, Michigan. Chairperson Paul Walker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The roll was called with the following members present and/or absent:

Present: Commissioner Paul Walker
 Commissioner Troy Bassett
 Commissioner Craig Reiter
 Commissioner Bruce Birr
 Schoolcraft County Deputy Clerk Lori A. Wood

Absent: Dan Hoholik, excused

Chairperson Paul Walker led the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and the members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024 Board and Audit Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners and the October 3, 2024 Special Emergency Meeting of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous aye vote of the Board members present. [Copies of minutes are available at the Office of the Schoolcraft County Clerk.]

Chairperson Paul Walker asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the printed agenda. **It was moved** by Commissioner Bruce Birr and was seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to add the Letter of Interest for the Commission on Aging Board member opening. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Public Hearings”: Amend Ordinance Regarding Accessory Buildings

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to exit the regular Board meeting and to open the Public Hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding Accessory Buildings in the Resource Production District and the Agricultural District. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

There was no public comment regarding the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

“Brief Public Comment”: None

“Unfinished Business”: None

“New Business”:

Commissioner Paul Walker gave an update on the Indian Lake/Gulliver/McDonald Lake Level Authorities.

There was an assessment meeting for the Indian Lake Level Authority on September 11th for the public. At the Schoolcraft County Board Meeting on September 12, 2024, the Board approved the Indian Lake Assessments.

Commissioner Paul Walker stated that he had received a call from the attorneys regarding fish and zebra muscles washing up on shore. The attorneys have been in communication with EGLE on this matter.

Commissioner Walker also stated that they were still working on the McDonald and Gulliver Lake Assessments and those assessments would not be on this winter’s tax bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to approve the Planning Commission Ordinance to amend the County Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory buildings in the Resource Production District and the Agricultural District. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the Planning Commission appointment of Keith Jacobsen to the vacant position. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote by all Board Members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the MSU Extension Agreement and authorize Commissioner Paul Walker to sign. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the resignation of David Muxlow from the EDC Board. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Muxlow for his years of service on the Board. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board Members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Craig Reiter to post for the vacant position on the EDC Board. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the appointment of Jessica Baker to the Board of Commission on Aging vacant position. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Craig Reiter and seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve to extend the contract with Desjarden Excavating for snowplowing this year. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and seconded by Commissioner Craig Reiter to extend the temporary part-time position of Ross Menhart, Building Inspector, for another three months with a review. There was discussion. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Bruce Birr and seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the posting of a new Building and Grounds position due to the retirement of one of their employees. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Paul Walker to approve the installation of a fence at the airport between the new hangars and the soccer field at a cost of \$6,169.22 to be paid from ARPA funds. There was discussion. Roll call vote: Troy Bassett, yes; Paul Walker, yes; Bruce Birr, yes; Craig Reiter, no. The motion carried by a majority aye vote of the Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Paul Walker and seconded by Commissioner Troy Bassett to approve the installation of new baseboard heating at the jail with Prime Specialty's quote of \$11,966.00. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Paul Walker to approve the transfer of the Sheriff Department's white Ford Crown Victoria to the Building Inspector for his use in traveling for building inspections. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all Board members present.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the advertisement of the County's Duck Inn property for sale with a minimum bid of \$60,000.00. Commissioner Troy Bassett reminded the other Commissioners that the gate on the property belongs to the Road Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all Board members present.

Commissioner Craig Reiter stated that the Audit-Finance Committee is looking at the 5% raise for extra duties regarding the Clerk and the Treasurer but would like the entire Board to be present to vote on that matter.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the monthly charge of cell phone usage for David Gould in District Court of \$25.40. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all Board members present.

Under Committee and Department Reports, the following matters were heard:

Commissioner Paul Walker: EDC, Emergency Board, LMAS, Governor's Training

Commissioner Troy Bassett: Building & Grounds, Personnel, Emergency Board

Commissioner Craig Reiter: LMAS, Emergency Board, Audit-Finance, Community Action

Commissioner Bruce Birr: Manistique Twp., Governor's Training, Commission on Aging

Steve Videtich, Building & Grounds stated that the Pines were done renting for the year, will close the end on the month. The dock at Baraga has been pulled and the tree removal project at the airport will begin next week with tagging of the trees.

Charlie Willour, Sheriff said the jail inspection is scheduled for next Wednesday and they have an inmate count of ten.

Ashley from the Soil Conservation District spoke about the successful day they had at the Environmental Lab with the school kids, the Pollinator Garden that was planted at Emerald Elementary School, and their Native Plant Sale and Annual Meeting they had in August. Ashley also stated that they had a successful Boat Decontamination program this year, cleaning 1500 boats. Their office also conducted 44 workshops this fiscal year.

Announcements and Notices: None

Public Comment: Cory Barr, City Manager, thanked the County and Sault Tribe for their contributions in helping fund the new firetruck.

Peter Hood spoke about the Planning Commissions meeting with EGLE regarding their questions with campgrounds within the County. He said they will have a meeting next month regarding the Master Plan work remaining. Mr. Hood also spoke about the hospital exploring condo development in the former hospital grounds and the problems the hospital is facing with the open meetings act and voting via zoom.

Commissioner's Comment: Commissioner Troy Bassett stated that he would like to invite EGLE to a meeting to answer questions they might have involving Indian Lake.

Communications: None

At 5:53 p.m., the meeting was turned over to Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Chairperson.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to approve the claims and vouchers numbered **9355 through 9496**, inclusive. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Board members present.

At 5:54 p.m., the meeting was turned back over to Chairperson Paul Walker. Chairperson Paul Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Troy Bassett and was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Birr to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous aye vote of the Board members present.

Chairperson Paul Walker adjourned the Board and Audit Finance Meeting at 5:55 P.M.

Lori A. Wood, Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

% Chairman Paul Walker

July 30, 2024

Dear Chairman and Board:

I would like to apply for a position on the Indian Lake Level Authority Board.

I currently oversee the daily operations of the dam and have been involved with its operation since the early 80's. I feel I could bring a great deal of information and knowledge of the history, readings, and present levels to the Board. I also reside on the Indian River and have since 1978.

I would appreciate any consideration you could give my request.

Thank you,

Rick Olsen

906-450-6231

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clerk schoolcraftcounty.us

From: troy bassett <scramblinman@live.com>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 10:21 AM
To: clerk schoolcraftcounty.us
Subject: Fw: Indian Lake Authority

Will this work as a letter of interest?

From: Joe Konieczka <jkonieczka04@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 3:14 PM
To: scramblinman@live.com <scramblinman@live.com>
Subject: Indian Lake Authority

Troy - My name is Joe Konieczka. I live on Wawaushnosh, in Hiawatha Twp, on Indian Lake. I have been following the proceedings for the establishment of a special assessment district for Indian Lake and the Carpenter Dam. I understand there may be an opening for another Lake Authority Board member. I would be interested in adding my name for appointment. Not sure of the process for consideration, so that is my reason for contacting you, since my understanding the current board members were appointed by the County Board. I am a homeowner on Indian Lake, and a year-round resident, which I feel would make me a perfect candidate to fill the position, and I'm very interested in the ongoing preservation of the Lake and dam. Please contact me at your convenience to discuss further. Thank you.

Joe Konieczka
1897N Wawaushnosh
Manistique, MI 49854
906.286.2532

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Joe Konieczka
906.286.2532
jkonieczka04@gmail.com

August 9, 2024


Robin A. LaCroix
315N Sunset Beach Dr.
Manistique, MI 49854

Beth A. Edwards, Clerk
300 Walnut St.
Manistique, MI 49854

Dear Ms. Edwards,

I would like to submit this letter as my application for one of the positions on the Indian Lake Delegated Authority Board. I have lived on Indian Lake for eight years and as a youth I lived on Gulliver Lake until high school graduation. I was involved with the dam on Gulliver Lake through my parents, who were on the board. I have always taken an interest in county government and currently am serving as a road commissioner, on the zoning board and planning board. I feel I could serve better on the Indian Lake board rather than the planning commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin A. LaCroix". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robin" and last name "LaCroix" clearly legible.

Robin A. LaCroix

Date : August 08, 2024

To : Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners

Letter of Interest : Mc Donald Lake Delegated Authority Board

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners,

I, Rob Janney own and reside on lakefront property in Gulliver Michigan, on Mc Donald Lake.

I, Rob Janney, am notifying the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners that I am submitting this as my "Letter of Interest" to serve on the Mc Donald Lake Delegated Authority Board.

I am aware there are two positions available.

1. One – Three-year Partial term vacancy (ending July 31, 2027)
2. One – Four-year Full term vacancy (ending July 31, 2028)

I am available to serve on either of the vacant positions terms.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Rob Janney

2036w Port Inland rd.

Gulliver, Mi., 49840

Janneyrob@gmail.com

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8-14-2024

To whom it may concern,

I would like to be considered and be appointed to either of the Gulliver Lake Delegated Authority Board positions. My wife and I own waterfront property on Gulliver Lake.

I have had a presence on Gulliver Lake since my birth in 1945. Except for two years in the Army.

I did look for the application on the County website and couldn't find it anywhere on the site.

Sincerely,

Leroy Ekblad
Leroy Ekblad

rec'd August 16, 2024

Tim Magnusson

Deerfield Properties, LLC
955N East Gulliver Lake Rd
Gulliver, MI 49840

August 19, 2024

Schoolcraft County Clerk
300 Walnut Street
Courthouse - Room 164
Manistique MI 49854

RE: Gulliver Lake Delegated Authority Board

Dear Schoolcraft County,

Please consider this letter my application to be on the Gulliver Lake Delegated Authority Board. I am interested in either the 3-year or 4-year term.

I have owned property on Gulliver Lake for over 20 years. I have enjoyed the lake with my friends and family for over 40 years. I am currently the single largest private shoreline owner on Gulliver Lake and I care deeply about the lake's protection. Not just for the shoreline owners, but for all of those who use and enjoy the lake.

The Gulliver Lake Dam is an important asset for our lake. So important that at the Gulliver Lake Property Owners Association meeting which took place on July 15, 2023, I struck a verbal agreement with Darin McLesky to purchase the dam. Several property owners were in the room to witness this. I followed up with Mr. McLesky in the ensuing months to complete the purchase. He finally told me in February, 2024 that he intended to sell the dam to Schoolcraft County instead of me.

My sole intention for buying the dam was to put it back into the hands of the people of Gulliver Lake who would care for it. Now that the County owns the dam, I am very interested in seeing that the dam is maintained and that the cost of doing so is transparent and fair. Thank you for your consideration. I can be reached at tmagnusson@comcast.net or 612-325-8452

Sincerely,

Tim Magnusson

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Forwarded to P. Walker 8-20-24

From: ALAN K <ak6000@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 11:02 AM
To: clerk schoolcraftcounty.us
Cc: pkwalk82@gmail.com; 'troy bassett'; dhoholik@scmh.org; Craig Reiter; bbirr@centurytel.net
Subject: Gulliver Lake Authority

Gulliver Lake Property Owners' Association would like to recommend the appointment of Guy Bowman and Lee Ekblad to the Gulliver Lake Dam Authority. Both are long-time residents of Gulliver Lake and possess extensive knowledge of the dam. Lee is a former township supervisor and assessor, and Guy's family was involved in the original construction of the dam.

Thank You
Alan Kilar
GPLOA, President

Ronald Goudreau

1614W Co.Rd.432

Gulliver MI 49840

R.goudreau@hotmail.com

906-450-0913

08/08/2024

McDonald Lake Authority,

I am writing to express my interest and formally apply for the appointment to a position within the McDonald Lake Authority. I am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and passion to the committee's important work, and believe that my background aligns well with the committee's objectives.

My experience with Lake levels at McDonald Lake dam as dam keeper has equipped me with a solid foundation to serve. Additionally, my previous involvement in the community has provided me with valuable insights into effective committee operations and decision-making processes.

I can serve on the committee immediately. I assure you that, if appointed, I will dedicate my time and effort to fulfilling the responsibilities of the position to the best of my abilities.

Thank you for considering my application for a position within the McDonald Lake Authority.

Please feel free to contact me 906-450-0913 or via email if you require any further information or have any questions regarding my application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronald Goudreau

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Beth Edwards
County Clerks Office
300 Walnut Street/
Courthouse room 164
Manistique, MI 49854

8/21/2024

This letter serves as my interest in serving on the McDonald Lake Designated Authority Board for either a 3 year or 4 year term ending July 2027, or 2028.

I am a current homeowner on McDonald Lake since 2019.

Sincerely,



Kenton Vaughn

2200W County Road 432

Gulliver, MI 49840

906-450-3531

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August 22, 2024

Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

RE: McDonald Lake Authority

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to the McDonald Lake Authority.

I was born and raised in Manistique and am a third generation owner of our property on McDonald Lake. While I now reside in Menominee, Michigan, my husband and I spend much of our time at our property in Gulliver. McDonald Lake has always been a very special place for me. It is the place where cherished memories are now created with our children, grandchildren and friends.

I have served Menominee for many years on various Boards. Most recently, I was reappointed by Menominee City Council to my fifth four-year term on the Menominee Downtown Development Authority as well as a third four-year term on the Menominee Housing Commission on which I serve as Vice President.

I possess a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and have owned my own accounting practice for over 25 years. In serving on these boards, I have often utilized my accounting background in helping to make decisions in the best interest of the taxpayers we serve and to ensure fiscal responsibility.

I believe the longevity of my appointments serves as a testament to my dedication to our community and ability to work well with other board members. I have an excellent attendance record at meetings. As a board member, you can expect that I will almost always have an opinion and provide input, however, I am always open to discussion and differing opinions. I believe the best solutions often result from varying ideas and thoughtful debate. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the McDonald Lake Authority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Marion Enstrom
1406 39th Avenue
Menominee, MI 49858
906-250-7548

1788W Co. Rd. 432
Gulliver, MI 49840

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT - APPLICATIONS OF INTEREST NEEDED
SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Please take notice that the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will be taking applications to fill FOUR (4) vacancies at the Schoolcraft County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board, as follows:

One – (1) Partial Term vacancy ending March 31, 2026

Three – (3) Full Terms vacancies ending March 31, 2027

If you are interested in serving on this Board, you may submit a letter of interest or an application of interest to the following address: (an application can be found on the County website at www.schoolcraftcounty.net)

County Clerk's Office
300 Walnut Street
Courthouse-Room 164
Manistique, Michigan 49854

The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners express their appreciation and gratitude to all those who have given their time to serve on the various boards, commissions, and committees of the County. Thank you.

Beth A. Edwards

Beth A. Edwards, Clerk
Schoolcraft County, Michigan

2024 SCHOOLCRAFT APPORTIONMENT REPORT
 TENTATIVE 10/24/2024
 WILL REVISE PENDING 11/5/2024 ELECTION RESULTS

(A) County Name	(B) Taxable Value	(C) County Allocated Rate / SET	(D) Est. County Allocated / SET Tax Dollars	(E) Total County Extra Voted Operating Rate	(F) Est. County EV Oper. Tax Dollars	(G) Total County Debt Rate	(H) Est. County Debt Tax Dollars	(I) Total Est. County Tax Dollars	(BB) Total RenZone Taxable Value
Schoolcraft	460,372,892.00	5.1097	2,352,367.37	5.6647	2,607,874.33	0.0000	0.00	4,960,241.70	0.00
STATE ED. TAX	460,365,492.00	6.0000	2,762,192.95	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00

(J) Local Unit Name	(K) Taxable Value	(L) Total Allocated / Charter Rate	(M) Est. Local Allocated / Charter Tax Dollars	(N) Total Other Extra Voted / General Law Operating Rate	(O) Est. Local EV / GL Oper. Tax Dollars	(P) Total Debt Rate	(Q) Est. Local Debt Tax Dollars	(R) Total Est. Local Tax Dollars	(KK) Total RenZone Taxable Value
Doyle	57,688,763.00	0.8518	49,139.29	1.9521	112,614.23	0.0000	0.00	161,753.52	0.00
Germiask	20,073,636.00	1.0429	20,934.79	4.3429	87,177.79	0.0000	0.00	108,112.58	0.00
Hiawatha	83,706,825.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inwood	55,918,803.00	0.7671	42,895.31	0.9589	53,620.54	0.0000	0.00	96,515.85	0.00
Manistiquie	51,239,489.00	0.9717	48,789.41	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	49,789.41	0.00
Mueller	43,164,345.00	1.0590	45,711.04	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	45,711.04	0.00
Seney	16,412,219.00	0.9201	15,100.88	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	15,100.88	0.00
Thompson	70,320,527.00	0.8193	57,613.61	0.9780	68,773.48	0.0000	0.00	126,387.09	0.00
Manistiquie	61,848,285.00	20.8609	1,290,210.89	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	1,290,210.89	0.00

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the *Audit-Finance Committee* of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.** in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Schoolcraft County Courthouse, Manistique, Michigan.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion:
 - Community Action Lease
 - 1st Floor Copier Lease
 - Any other business brought before committee
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

and to take up and consider any other matter which may lawfully come before the Board at this time.

Craig Reiter Dated: October 18, 2024

Craig Reiter, Audit-Finance Committee Chairman
Schoolcraft County Commissioner