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Meeting Location:
2501 Woodlake Circle - Conference Room 3/First Floor
Okemos, Michigan 48864

MINUTES
February 11, 2015

HILLSDALE COUNTY
DOCKET #14-AR-1

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Dennis Schornack, Chairman
Mr. David Doyle, State Commissioner
Mr. Mike Rice, State Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Daniel Boyd, Local Commissioner
Mr. Timothy Dixon, Local Commissioner

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Mr. Chris Beland, Director, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Mr. Kevin O'Brien, P.S., Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Mrs. Angela Sanderson, Secretary for the Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Mr. George Elworth, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Doug Terry – City of Litchfield Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Schornack called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. and read the Opening Statement. A quorum was determined present at that time.

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2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rice and seconded by Commissioner Doyle to approve the agenda for the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES**

Chairman Schornack requested two changes be made to the draft meeting minutes for Docket 14-AR-1 from the November 4, 2014 meeting, as follows: changing the word “or” to “nor” on page 6 in the first sentence of Mr. John Lohrsturfer’s statement; and under “Commission Discussion” part C, strike the last two sentences and replace with “he (Chairman Schornack) also expressed concern that the city/farm buffer will be lost if the property is annexed.”

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rice and seconded by Commissioner Doyle to approve the draft minutes (as amended) for Hillsdale County from the November 4, 2014 meeting on Docket 14-AR-1. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **ADJUDICATIVE SESSION ON DRAFT SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS,
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Mr. O’Brien, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation, confirmed to the commission that Commissioner Rice was present at the November 4, 2014 meeting and Commissioner Rice confirmed he had reviewed the docket.

a. **Commissioners and Staff:**

Mr. O’Brien referenced and explained an edit he had made to the SPFFCL. He said he had received an email from the Litchfield Township clerk indicating that the City has not yet purchased the property, but is currently in the process of doing so. He said on page 2, paragraph 2 of the SPFFCL, this edit has been made to change the wording to “considering the purchase” of the property.

Mr. O’Brien, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation, read through the docket activity to date.

b. **Involved Parties:**

Mr. Doug Terry, City of Litchfield Manager, said they intend to close on the property yet this month. He pointed out that there was contiguous ownership of property, though half of the property is outside of the City. He said this is not a typical annexation proceeding, and that their intent was always to join the properties together to save the golf course.

Chairman Schornack asked if Mr. Terry had found anything in the SPFFCL that was inaccurate.

Mr. Terry answered saying no.

c. Commission Discussion:

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Doyle and seconded by Commissioner Rice to adopt the draft Summary of Proceedings, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law to recommend that the Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs sign the Final Order to approve Docket #14-AR-1, the proposed annexation of land in Litchfield Township to the City of Litchfield.

The Draft Summary of Proceedings, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Docket#14-AR-1 are approved.

5. Unfinished business

Nothing

6. New business

Nothing

7. Public comment

Nothing

8. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Doyle and Seconded by Commissioner Rice to adjourn the session on Hillsdale County. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

Dennis Schornack, Chairman
State Boundary Commission

Date