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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

SPECIAL MEETING

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

WHITMORE LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Washtenaw County Service Center
MSU Classroom
705 North Zeeb Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Schmidt
Gary McCririe
Kathleen Root
Lauren Smith
Brian Weinert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ketankumar Dave
Evan Pratt

STAFF PRESENT:

Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator
Autumn House, Communications & Media Specialist

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR SCHMIDT: I'm going to call this meeting to order. This is the Second Public Hearing for the Whitmore Lake Improvement Project.

Thank you all for coming this evening. We appreciate the public participation, both for those of you in the room and for those of you online.

We are going to start out with a blurb from Theo to talk a little bit about remote meeting guidelines and protocols.

Theo, the floor is yours.

REMOTE AND MEETING GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS

MR. EGGERMONT: Thanks.

So I'm Theo Eggermont. I'm the Public Works Director. This is a meeting that's held both in-person and over Zoom. Thank you for joining us in any fashion that you're joining us, and I just want to make sure, as we have the Zoom option, that people understand how it'll work and help the meeting flow.

So during Public Comment, we're going to have letters received before the hearing. We haven't received any letters since our last Public Hearing, so we don't have any of those. We can skip that item. And then the

Chair will call people that wish to speak that are present in the room and wish to talk in-person. If you would like to talk in-person, please fill out a comment card and give that to Michelle or to the Chair.

If you are a remote participant, please raise your hand and I will unmute you, or you can unmute yourself. If you're joining by phone, you can press star 9 to raise your hand, or press star 6 to unmute, and that's when the Board Chair calls on you.

Directions by computer. If you're on Windows, you can press Alt-Y, on a Mac, or Option-Y to raise your hand, and after the Chair calls on you, you can unmute yourself by clicking the unmute button. Or if you, you know, flag me down if you're having issues, I can unmute you as well. But please wait until the Board Chair calls on you.

So that should cover the remote meeting guidelines.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Thank you very much, Theo. Appreciate that.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR SCHMIDT: First item on our agenda is to get an approval of the agenda. Is there a motion to --

MS. SMITH: I'll move the agenda.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Support.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Moved. Supported.

Any discussion?

(No response).

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Hearing no discussion, all those
in favor?

Aye.

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MS. ROOT: Aye.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Aye.

MR. WEINERT: Aye.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Opposed?

(No response).

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Motion carries. We have an
approved agenda now.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIR SCHMIDT: The next item is approval of our
meeting minutes from June 12, which was the First Public
Hearing for the Whitmore Lake Improvement Project. Is
there a motion to approve those minutes?

MS. ROOT: I move the minutes of June 12th,
2024.

MR. WEINERT: I'll second.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Moved. Supported.

Any discussion?

Compliments to our reporter and provider of

transcription services.

MR. WEINERT: Yes. Very nice.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Excellent job.

Any other discussion?

(No response).

CHAIR SCHMIDT: All right. All those in favor?

Aye.

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MS. ROOT: Aye.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Aye.

MR. WEINERT: Aye.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Opposed?

(No response).

CHAIR SCHMIDT: We now have approved meeting minutes.

So the next item up, we're going to have a brief description of the purpose of this Public Hearing. Theo.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MR. EGGERMONT: Thanks.

So this is the Second Public Hearing, and at the First Public Hearing we heard commentary about the desirability of the project, and the Board passed a resolution tentatively saying they'd like to move forward and set this Second Public Hearing.

The commentary tonight is really supposed to be

guided towards the roll, and that's who's in and who's out of the project, and what the charges are for those specific properties and categories. So if there's any commentary about the particular parcels that people own, or the charges, or the way that the project has been set up, that's really what the Second Public Hearing is especially designated for.

At the First Public Hearing, we noted that the draft roll was published on the website and open for review, so hopefully residents have found that helpful and able to use that to check their parcels. We also have been available, and to field calls about helping people to confirm what their charges are, and how the project works. So we had, we heard from a few individuals who wanted to check and update a small number of those.

At the last Public Hearing we also heard about some of those checks, and we were able to update one of those parcels to contiguous --

MS. ROOT: Oh, good.

MR. EGGERMONT: -- since the last Public Hearing.

We -- there was an inquiry about chemical degradation, so I want to just follow up about that. As Brian, I think you asked about --

MR. WEINERT: Uh-huh.

MR. EGGERMONT: -- how do chemicals, you know, do they persist or not?

MR. WEINERT: Yes.

MR. EGGERMONT: I was able to connect with our lake scientist, and he responded that most degrade relatively quickly once they're in contact with the water, but he did note that copper can build up in the sediments, but that the dosage is relatively low. I think where, where I have more concern about that would be in something like a canal, but typically canals are man-made, and there's not a lot of -- those are not ecologically beneficial areas. They tend to be stagnant water where there's a lot of -- we have to -- we have to treat them often. They're not a -- they're a man-made feature that -- and it's not specific to this project. There's, you know, not canals like we have in the Chain of Lakes, for example, where it's a different issue.

Let's see. And then there was a question about if the DNR should pay more or not. At this time I don't recommend increasing the fee, but I think it's worthwhile to investigate what other Special Assessment Districts charge the DNR. So we did increase it from the last time this project was created. I think it's something that if we are going to change, we want to change it across the board, and merits, if we are going to make that change,

reviewing what other Special Assessment Districts charge in more detail.

So that's what's been done since last time. The primary purpose of this is to determine if the project should proceed as proposed by staff with the changes proposed, who's in and who's out of the district, and what the parcels are.

To assist in their decision-making, the Board will hear from the public during Public Comment, and from staff. The flow of the meeting is for staff to present information about the project, then have Public Comment, and then have the Board deliberate.

So during Public Comment, the Board Chair will call on you. Be sure to state your name and address when you speak. You have up to three minutes, and I'll give you a 30-second heads up so that you're able to finish your thought.

Feel free to ask questions to the Board, but note, it's not a dialogue. They're not going to respond during that time. And they will -- they may choose to or not choose to respond to certain questions that you inquire about.

Then it'll be the Board's turn to discuss, and they may call on individuals. If you're not called on, please grant the Board the courtesy they showed you by not

interrupting or asking questions. It's really only for if the Board calls on you that you're asked to speak during the Board deliberation.

Public commentary is open, so at that time when it is open, I encourage you to speak about what the Board is considering today.

And I also want to make sure that everyone's aware that if you wish to preserve your right to take the case to Michigan Tax Tribunal and haven't protested at the last meeting, that you need to speak during Public Comment and note your protest. We will document that for our records. We are recording this meeting, and we do have a recorder taking transcription.

Let's see. After that -- after that -- after the hearing, the Board of Public Works may confirm a Special Assessment Roll as reported, or they may correct it, edit it, revise it, or send it back for a new roll to be made.

With that, I'll send it back to you.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Awesome. Thank you, Theo. That was very thorough.

Next up, we're going to call on Lauren to give us a brief overview of the project itself, and, so, Lauren.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

MS. KOLOSKI: Thank you, thank you.

Thanks, everyone, for being here. I appreciate it. My name's Lauren Koloski.

If the Board of Public Works approves the resolution to proceed with the Whitmore Lake Improvement Project tonight, this project will aim to manage the growth and reproduction of non-native invasive and nuisance native aquatic plants. The project's focus is on maintaining the ecological health and recreational opportunities for Whitmore Lake. Additionally, other items may be included that would provide support for continuing the ecological health and recreational opportunities that would be subject to approval by the Board of Public Works.

The project will not eliminate invasive and nuisance plants in Whitmore Lake. The project will work to maintain native aquatic plant populations and adjust our approach to what plants are observed each spring.

If the resolution is passed tonight, Washtenaw County will hire a lake scientist and a professional herbicide applicator to help manage the project. The hiring of the contractors will be done through a competitive bidding process. These contractors will work together to develop and maintain a treatment plan for Whitmore Lake.

The herbicides that will be used to address nuisance plants on Whitmore Lake are registered with the USEP, Environmental Protection Agency, Michigan Department of Agricultural and Rural Development, and approved by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for the use in waters of the state. A permit to apply for these herbicides is required before treatment.

The cost of the Special Assessment District is covered by residents, businesses, and public properties surrounding the lake that have lake access. I'm going to review the costs and compare them from the previous project.

So non-waterfront residential properties with lake access are currently proposed to be charged \$40 annually. That's a decrease of \$15 from the previous project.

Waterfront residential properties are going to be proposed to be charged \$120 annual, which is a decrease of \$205 from the previous project.

The Department of Natural Resources, as Theo mentioned, is a new category, but this category is an increase of \$360 from the previous project.

The commercial properties is updated. It used to be -- we updated it to a range for \$160 to \$640, depending on the individual properties. In last project,

it was a flat \$325, so that is an increase for most of those commercial properties.

To find individual property assessments, residents can go to washtenaw.org/WhitmoreLake or come talk to us after the meeting for help and assistance.

And that is my review.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Thank you very much, Lauren. I appreciate that.

Next up, we're going to open the Public Hearing. So, welcome to the Public Hearing.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

CHAIR SCHMIDT: We are going to receive Public Comment. First, I'm going to check in. Letters? I understand we have no letters.

Next up, in-person comments. I have cards from a couple individuals, so we'll hear from them first. We ask that if you're going to make comments, that you please come up to the microphone up front here, clearly state your name and address, and I think that's about it.

First up, David Karr.

MR. MCCRIRIE: How long do they have to speak?

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Three minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MR. KARR: Hello. My name is David Carr. I live at 10440 Rosaltha Drive, Whitmore Lake, Michigan.

I'm here to encourage the Board to approve this program going forward.

First of all, I'd like to thank the Board for the fine work that they do and the scientists involved with this. I was at Whitmore Lake when the invasive species was first brought to our lake, and there was a time there shortly afterwards where the weeds were so dense, you couldn't even use a portion of the lake, and boats had difficulty getting in and out of their slips, et cetera.

Now, no one that I know of is delighted to put chemicals in our lake. However, I don't know of a better alternative. And when I talk to the scientists, the people that should know this, they tell me the same thing. And the research that I do online absolutely states that. There are no better alternatives than what we're doing right now. So therefore, I strongly encourage support of this project.

I talked to several of our -- my neighbors on Rosaltha Drive, part of Groomes Beach, and they are 100 percent in favor of this program.

So again, I thank the Board for the fine work, I thank the scientists for their dedication, and I just sincerely hope this program continues.

Thank you very much.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Thank you.

Next up, Bill Creal.

MR. CREAL: Hello. My name is Bill Creal. I'm at 573 East Shore Drive, Whitmore Lake, Michigan. And I also want to voice my support for this program and encourage the Board to renew it for another period of time. The county has done an excellent job managing this program, implementing it, and successfully treating Whitmore Lake.

Along with Dave and a couple others, we're part of the Whitmore Lake Monitoring Club, and we're out on the lake monitoring it every week during the summertime, focusing mainly on transparency, nutrients, and shoreline development.

But we did have the opportunity five years ago to participate with MSU in a study on Milfoil on the lake to see if the Milfoil in Whitmore Lake had hybridized between the Eurasian Milfoil and the native Milfoil. And out of the 17 samples we took, 100 percent were hybridized. So it wasn't just purely one species or the other anymore. And as I understand it, the hybrids are harder to treat than the Eurasian Milfoil. And even -- in spite of that, I think the county continues to bring in the expertise needed and the treatment people to effectively control Milfoil on Whitmore Lake.

And I would just again conclude by saying thank you for doing that for us, and we'd like to see that continue. So I support continuing this project.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Thank you.

Any other individuals caring to make an in-person comment?

(No response).

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Seeing none, let's move on to remote participants. And, Theo, I'm going to trust you to call on folks since you have the list there before you.

MR. EGGERMONT: Excellent. I saw Matt, you raised your hand, so I will give you first honors. Thank you for joining us. I'll ask you to unmute here, so please unmute yourself, and then state your name and address and proceed.

MR. IKLE: Hi, good evening. I'm here representing the First United Methodist Church in Whitmore Lake on the corner there at 9318 Main Street.

I would just like to get some clarification on the program and going forward. We see before that we were getting about \$128 last year, and I see that the land is classified as single family. So I don't know if you're going by classifications or that, but if we could be under the 120 a year or the 160 a year on that, because we really -- we basically don't use the waterfront. There's

not a dock there. There's not all that kind of good stuff. So we're just wanting to confirm that going forward that we would be at the 160 rate or, you know, the 120 rate for our classifications. And I have the property ID numbers, if you need to.

MS. KOLOSKI: I have it.

MR. EGGERMONT: Okay, we have it. Thank you.

MR. IKLE: Okay. And there's two numbers. You've got 10 and 11. There's one on East Shore and then the one on Main Street.

MR. EGGERMONT: All right. Thank you.

MR. IKLE: All right.

MR. EGGERMONT: I anticipate the Board will ask staff for follow up on that, so.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Yes. Yes, we will.

MR. EGGERMONT: All right.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Any additional?

Thank you for your comments.

Any additional?

MR. EGGERMONT: We have two other folks.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: Elizabeth, I'll call on you next if you'll unmute yourself.

MS. BROUGH: Hi. I'm Libby Brough from First United Methodist Church. And our question was initially,

since we're tax exempt, is this something that the church would be exempt from? But in further looking over the materials, and I did call, and I believe Lori called me back. Someone did.

Anyway, the church is happy to pay this assessment. We really, from a church point of view, we really want to be good stewards of our ecology. So we really support this assessment, and we'll be happy to pay our fair share. We just need to know what that share would be.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: All right. Very good. Thank you.

MR. EGGERMONT: Mike, would you like to speak?

MR. KELLY: I'm actually here with the United Methodist Church with Libby and Matt. So just listening to understand a little bit more, and they've spoken everything that we were going to ask. So, no, I appreciate your time today, and I have nothing to say. Thanks.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Very good.

MR. EGGERMONT: Thanks for joining us.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Thank you.

Theo, any additional remote participants?

MR. EGGERMONT: That is all the remote that we have.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Awesome. One more call for in-person?

(No response).

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Seeing none, I will now close the Public Comment portion of this meeting.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

CHAIR SCHMIDT: And let's get a motion for us to discuss. Is there a motion to approve the roll?

MR. MCCRIRIE: So moved.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: As described.

MS. SMITH: I'll support.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: All right. It's been moved and supported. We can have our discussion now, then.

I'm guessing that we probably have a couple questions for staff and.

MS. ROOT: I have a question.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Kathleen will lead it off.

MS. ROOT: I'm just curious about what Bill mentioned when he said that he worked with Michigan State University. I think he said that. And they detected some hybridized. Can you speak more on that, Lauren?

MS. KOLOSKI: Sure.

MS. ROOT: Like, what specific?

MS. KOLOSKI: So my understanding about Milfoil testing and hybridizing of it is there is a lab out in

Minnesota that does testing for Milfoil. And so what they're doing is they're looking to see which strains are resistant to current -- to specific herbicides. And so there is a chemical out there called fluridone, which is a whole lake treatment, which if you're ever going to do that, you need to have your Milfoil tested to see if it's the correct genotype that will take it on, because it's a lot of money that you're going to be going after that. So that's kind of how it has really built up, obviously, that one specific chemical.

But when talking to the University, they want more samples. They want more of it to know, because right now they've only identified that one chemical that it works on, but they're working on additional chemicals to see what might work, where it's worked, how far it's spread. So they're just collecting a lot of data and database right now for the hybridized type.

I don't use it in -- we don't use it in our project to determine what to treat and what not to treat currently.

MS. ROOT: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: Because we are using ProcellaCOR or Triclopyr, a different chemical that doesn't need to be genetically tested for effectiveness. It just goes after it, whether it's hybrid or the native.

MS. ROOT: Okay, so it's going to work either way then?

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah, and so that started off with fluridone treatment was the biggest one. They're testing the resistance, but the University does like to have the data. It's great to have just additional data.

MS. ROOT: Okay.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay, next question or comment?

MS. SMITH: I'll ask a question.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Please.

MS. SMITH: I'll ask the question about the church. So what's their fee?

MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah, we have them listed as the lakefront, so it would be in the same category as the -- it's not listed as commercial in our current roll, so it would be at the 120 rate.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: Our rationale for that is that it's not a business. They're not pulling in additional revenue, so there's not the benefit of revenue being created that draws more people in. It doesn't necessarily matter the way that it's used so, you know, we -- there's a number of reasons of that, but by benefit doesn't necessarily mean you take advantage of that benefit.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: So I just want to follow up on the dock portion of it or something like that where -- for other meetings where that may become more crucial.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Uh-huh.

MR. EGGERMONT: The benefit doesn't have to necessarily be used in order to be present, so that doesn't factor into our charging. But in this area, since it is a church, we don't see an additional revenue being a benefit that they could derive.

MS. SMITH: Uh-huh.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: So that's why we've listed it that way.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: All right. I'm just curious, would that -- at some point, should the project description be further detailed to indicate that it's resi- -- either that a church is included in the residential category, or modify the description to be waterfront residential properties and churches, or religious establishments, perhaps, or take a pick?

MR. EGGERMONT: Could we put, like, maybe non-, and other non-commercial enterprises?

CHAIR SCHMIDT: That would be fine, I think.

MR. EGGERMONT: Is that a --

CHAIR SCHMIDT: That's probably more inclusive.

MR. WEINERT: So Andrew, that's inclusive of other non-profits is what I'm hearing you say.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Right. I think that is the case.

MR. MCCRIRIE: I would be careful with the word non-profit.

MS. SMITH: Yeah.

MR. MCCRIRIE: I think non-commercial uses probably hits it.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. MCCRIRIE: You could get -- I think you could get busy trying to describe a multitude of uses and never be done with it.

MR. WEINERT: Oh, I see. Right.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Yeah.

MR. WEINERT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: So, and if the Board wants to amend the roll and make that a part of this existing one, they have that ability to do so tonight.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay. Do we -- would we need to in order to proceed?

MR. EGGERMONT: No.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Or is it okay -- it's okay as is?

MR. EGGERMONT: Yep.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: All right.

MR. EGGERMONT: Either way, it would just be an amendment to the project description.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay. I think maybe that's a lesson learned for future descriptions.

Any further questions? Brian?

MR. WEINERT: Just a point of interest at this point. How does it work in terms of the taxing authority for houses of worship and other tax-exempt organizations when it comes to these sorts of special assessments?

I assume there's a precedent that they are not exempt from this form of taxation.

MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah, and maybe a good example is we can charge the DNR in the same way.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Ah.

MR. WEINERT: Yeah.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: We do charge entities that would maybe be a little bit atypical to have a tax bill.

MR. MCCRIRIE: It would also be for, like, trash services. They're getting a direct benefit. They're tax-exempt.

MR. WEINERT: Ah. Uh-huh.

MR. MCCRIRIE: They aren't exempt from fees or paying assessments for specific services that are

provided.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. WEINERT: That's helpful.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Yeah. And non-profits are not tax-exempt.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Right.

MR. MCCRIRIE: They may not be for-profit. A church is exempt. If it is not for-profit, it is not tax-exempt.

MR. WEINERT: Okay.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay. All right. Any other questions?

(No response).

CHAIR SCHMIDT: All right. Seeing no other comments or questions, Michelle, would you do us the honor of calling the roll?

MS. KATZ: Certainly.

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CHAIR SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. KATZ: McCririe

MR. MCCRIRIE: Aye.

MS. KATZ: Weinert.

MR. WEINERT: Aye.

MS. KATZ: Smith?

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MS. KATZ: Schmidt?

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Root?

MS. ROOT: Yes.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Motion carries. Awesome.

So at this point, we move to next steps. Theo, what happens now that we've approved the roll for the Whitmore Lake Improvement Project?

NEXT STEPS

MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah, so the project will proceed as described, and that is going to be very similar to what's happened in the past. This will go on the winter tax roll. So the Board, in their August meeting, will set the assessment amount for all of our lake projects, and that will include Whitmore Lake. That will go on the December tax roll. As those assessments come into us, that's what we'll be able to use for the Special Assessment District, and then treatment under this assessment will start in 2025, and that will run for five years.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Awesome. Thank you.

All right. At this point in time, is there a motion?

MR. WEINERT: Just one quick question.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Please.

MR. WEINERT: I'm sorry. I'm just trying to learn from all of this. Will those that will be getting assessed hear about this in a formal way prior to receiving a tax assessment in December? Or what do we typically do?

MR. EGGERMONT: Sure. So we post it on our website that the project's been approved. We don't have any additional follow-up for any of our projects after then. So we -- our meeting minutes are posted, and we follow the law on what we have to do to fulfill our obligation.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Okay. I could see a situation where folks might not be plugged in enough to know to go look at the webpage. So, Brian, to your point, I think we could still end up with a situation where some folks might be surprised, although I would hope not given the activity of the folks around the lake, so.

MR. MCCRIRIE: But everyone received at least two notices in the mail, correct?

MR. EGGERMONT: We do one notice now.

MR. MCCRIRIE: One now. Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: For these. So people have received a notice in the mail, and we posted it in the newspaper and do that portion of it.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Cool.

All right. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. ROOT: So moved.

MS. SMITH: Support.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Support.

All in favor?

Aye.

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MS. ROOT: Aye.

MR. MCCRIRIE: Aye.

MR. WEINERT: Aye.

CHAIR SCHMIDT: Meeting is adjourned.

Thank you, everybody.

ADJOURNMENT

(Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.)

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW) ss.

I certify that this transcript is a complete, true, and correct transcript to the best of my ability of the, WASHTENAW COUNTY, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND PUBLIC MEETING, WHITMORE LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, held Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

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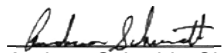
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