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Louisa County Conservation Board - Special Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in special session on Monday, February 12, 2024; 10:00 am at Louisa County Complex.

Board Present: Josh Hardin, Elizabeth Kling, Joellen Schantz, and Shawn Maine

Staff Present: Lana Artz-McComb, Dani Boysen, Noah Robb, and Jacob Ewart

Public Present: Jim Rudisill (press)

Meeting Called to Order: at 10:04 am by Maine

Agenda Approval: Motion by Schantz, Second by Hardin, Passed all ayes

Budget Revision Discussion: Maine provided a quick report in his role as Louisa County Supervisor. Louisa County is above the minimum tax rate. The State has capped the tax rate. The County is taking in less while expenses are going up. Taxes can't be raised. Plan is to reduce county-wide budget by \$1 million.

There was discussion on Revenue vs Expenses and questions were asked to clarify at what point the "10% reduction" was being taken from. Budget revision went line by line – looking at past expenditures and discussion where reductions could happen. Reductions included office supply, board member mileage, board member school of instruction, seasonal naturalists salaries were moved to REAP funding from general basic, equipment and machinery costs were waitlisted until future years. Reminders of ongoing expenses like the Virginia Grove Maebus Repayment and the Indian Slough survey work. Total reductions: \$38661

Budget revision moved to revenue line by line – looking at past revenue and discussing changes. \$15000 was added into estimated land sales revenue with the intent to schedule a meeting regarding Hoover Nature Trail sections. Revenue is less than in previous years because no major federal or state grants are planned for FY25. Kling said that Board should review revenue at December 2024 meeting to see what actual summer revenue ended up being as compared to today's projected revenue. Total revenue projection: \$152849

Budget Revision Approval: Motion by Hardin, Second by Schantz, Passed all ayes

Adjournment: Motion by Hardin, second by Schantz. Passed all ayes. 10:59 am

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date Approved

Chair – Shawn Maine Vice-chair – Joellen Schantz
Secretary/Treasurer – Elizabeth Kling

*Louisa County Bylaws regarding voting by the Chair/Acting Chair:

According to Article II, number 2.4 of the Louisa County Conservation Board Bylaws, "At all meetings that a full quorum is present, the board chair does not vote except to break a tie. In a three-member quorum, all persons present cast a vote."