

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 14th day of November, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Conor Egan and Rudy Johnson

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean and seconded by Commissioner Martin.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-26
SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT LAITINEN, CHIPPEWA COUNTY
ROAD COMMISSION MANAGER, TO THE NEW STATEWIDE WETLAND
MITIGATION BANKING BOARD**

WHEREAS, Robert W. Laitinen currently serves as the Superintendent / Manager of the Chippewa County Road Commission, and

WHEREAS, He has worked for the Road Commission since 2004 and has served in his current position since 2008, and

WHEREAS, Through his work for the Road Commission he has acquired very specific and detailed knowledge of both Michigan's wetland protection statute, specifically part 303 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act as well as Act 51 of 1951 which is the main funding mechanism for transportation agencies in this state, and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Legislature recently passed PA 246 of 2016 which amended Act 51 and creates a statewide "Wetland Mitigation Banking Board" which will oversee expenditure of funds from the "Wetland Mitigation Banking Fund" for the study, engineering, acquisition, and construction of wetland mitigation banks by Road Commissions and Municipalities across the state, and

WHEREAS, These newly established banks will make wetland mitigation acreage available for the use of or purchase by transportation agencies as well as making a portion of the acreage available for purchase by private developers, and

WHEREAS, Having a representative from the Eastern Upper Peninsula with the necessary experience and knowledge serving on this board would be a great benefit for the transportation agencies, Economic Development Corporations and potential developers from this region and across the state, and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners does believe that Robert Laitinen does have the experience and knowledge necessary to serve on this board, so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, in the best interest of the public, does hereby support the appointment of Robert W. Laitinen to the Wetland Mitigation Banking Board by the County Road Association of Michigan.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners held at the Chippewa County Building on November 14, 2016.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

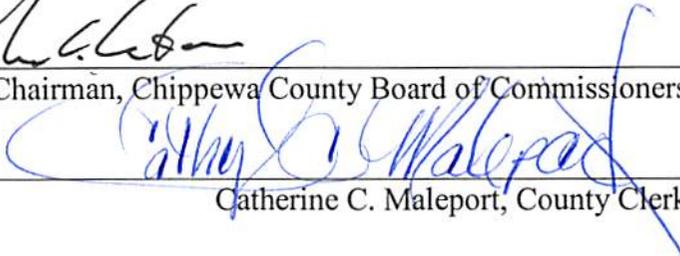
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Conor Egan and Rudy Johnson

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk