

Minutes
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
March 28, 2024

Sup Floyd, Sup Soderberg, Sup Monahan-Junek, Sup Sherman and Clerk Drange were in attendance. Sup Chiabotti attended via zoom due to being gone on vacation.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried unanimously. All votes are done by roll call as required for video conferencing meeting with remote supervisors.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Sherman to approve the agenda for the March 28, 2024 Special Meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Eagles Nest Resident Ren Graham gave a brief explanation of the bill HF 2791 and SF 1324. The focus that most closely related to the township was the local measures section within the bill. The bill changed from the original draft that had local government having veto power to local government having input with an option for mediation in the event for disputes.

Line 3.12 through line 4.2 is the revised local government process.

3.12 State Grant and Aid trail planning.

3.13 Planning Requirements

3.20 Local Approval and Mediation Process

Local government may request for consultation with the DNR commissioner if a problem finding an acceptable trail route. Find a solution through the Commissioner first and if not, then how to select and pay for an independent third-party mediator.

Township does not have to support the entire bill and can support only the section regarding local governments.

The Township will provide a letter of Support for the section of the bill 3.12 through 4.3 which supports a balance between an outdoor lifestyle while protecting the interests of local government to be signed by the Township Chair.

Sup Soderberg moved and seconded by Sup Floyd to draft a letter, similar to Minnesota Association of Township's letter of support, and to be signed by the Township chair highlighting the sections 3.12. through 4.3. as the provisions that the Township supports. Motion carried.

The letter will be sent to bill authors, the committee members, Senator Hauschild and Representative Skraba.

Sup Soderberg will draft something by Saturday and Sup Monahan-Junek will review. The Clerk will send out the letters.

When this bill gets a Senate hearing Sup Sherman may be willing to testify as well as Sup Soderberg. The Senate allows testimony to be on Zoom.

Sup Soderberg moved, seconded by Sup Floyd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.