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The special study session of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Jay Zollinger at Metro Admin Office, 897 Parsons Road, Traverse City, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: recited

The following Board members were in attendance:

Beth Friend, East Bay
Jay Zollinger, Acme
Chuck Korn, Garfield

Glen Lile, East Bay
Darryl Nelson, Acme (excused)
Steve Duell, Garfield

Also in attendance:

Pat Parker, Chief
Steve Apostal, Asst. Chief-OPS
Tracy Bartlett, East Bay Bd Trustee
Sue Courtade, East Bay Bd Trustee

Molly Agostinelli, Garfield Bd Trustee
Jean Ackerman, Acme Bd Trustee
Lanie McManus, Garfield Bd Trustee

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Friend, supported by Lile, to approve the agenda, with leases added, as modified. All ayes. Motion carried.

This special board meeting was held for continued review of the Articles of Incorporation on the open issues and leases.

Zollinger reported that at the last special work session that was held on March 25th, they left with some items that were typed up and put in the packet for today's meeting. He reported that Garfield Township had a Board meeting last night, and he asked the Garfield Reps to report on the discussion they had at that meeting.

Korn reported the three voting items that were listed in the summary at the end of the last work session (March 25th) went to the Garfield Township Board last night and the reaction was not favorable. Their Board wanted to know why it couldn't be part of the Articles of Incorporation. The vote on the budget is already in the Articles of Incorporation so why not just expand that. They were comfortable with the wording but wanted these items to be covered in the Articles of Incorporation, not the bylaws. They feel that it would be more of a long-term permanent fix and could not be as easily changed.

Garfield Township also talked about the station leases and they want the capital leases to be a Metro expense. The majority of the Garfield Board was okay with that.

The last item was the date of determination of contribution calculations. There is no date in the Articles of Incorporation at this point, and they would like that date to be the date of the settlement at the end of the year (which includes all tax tribunals and Board of Reviews) as opposed to the Equalization Department's yearly estimate.



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Zollinger said they could remove the lease item off the excel spreadsheet.

Discussion on the settlement date vs. Equalization Report. Zollinger said that based on how people ask the question about the data, depends on how you get the answer. They all need to see the data and understand it the same way. It was mentioned that the three supervisors should go together to the County Treasurer to get the data so they can understand it the same. Duell said the Garfield Board agreed last night to go to mediation on the settlement report if it could not be agreed upon at this meeting. Zollinger said even if they go to mediation, they need to have the same data. They need the front-end data from Equalization and the back-end data from Heidi, Treasurer's Office.

Discussed the affirmative vote and where to put the language – Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws. Korn said that Garfield Township insists it goes into the Articles of Incorporation. Zollinger said that Acme is ok with it in the Articles. Friend said that East Bay wants the changes put in new Bylaws, not the Articles of Incorporation. Korn suggested the Garfield Township Board, or their Attorney write something they would like to see put in the Articles of Incorporation in reference to the affirmative vote and Bylaws, which are yet to be written.

OUTCOME: Friend to send out her numbers/spreadsheets to everyone to look at. Garfield Township will send some language that they will be comfortable with on the affirmative vote. And possibly they will run some numbers on the different scenarios on how the taxes would affect things as far as they can see.

Schwind will send out a "Doodle" for another study session for the week of April 8-11th to discuss the taxable value funding issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matt Courtade, East Bay resident, addressed the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Chairman Jay Zollinger

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind