

MINUTES

Cascade Charter Township
THORNAPPLE RIVER SAD AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
October 13, 2025, at 4:30pm
Cascade Charter Township Office
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

ARTICLE 1. The meeting was called to order at 4:31pm.

Members Present: Trustee Liaison John Shipley, Jeff Carpenter, Michael Wiegand, Thomas Keith, Leann Rowland, Chuck Whitley, Trustee Scott Rissi (Late)
Absent: None
Others Present: Township Manager Jade Smith, Executive Assistant Jessica Stine, Township Engineer Aric Thorne, and anyone else listed on the sign in sheet.

ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda

Motion was made by Member Carpenter to approve the agenda as written. Supported by Trustee Liaison Shipley. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment

There were not any visitors that wanted to speak at that time.

ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2025 Meeting

Motion was made by Member Rowland to approve the minutes as written. Supported by Member Carpenter. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Dam Inspection Update (Aric)

Engineer Thorne explained the recent dam inspection; it is conducted by a third-party inspector and FERC every five years. They test the gates, sirens, and other potential points of failure. The report doesn't come out until a year after the inspection.

Trustee Rissi arrived at 4:41pm.

ARTICLE 6. Sediment Study Proposal

Members discussed the Hidden Hills drain study and wondered if the sedimentation could be connected to those drains. Multiple committee members offered river access from their properties if Prein & Newhof (P&N) needed it for the study. The SAD is projected to end 2026 with \$300,450 in the account with this Sediment Study and February 2026 collections included in the projection.

Motion was made by Trustee Rissi to recommend approval of the Prein & Newhof proposed Sediment Study to the Board of Trustees with project completion no later than April 1st, 2026. Supported by Member Rowland. Motion carried 7 to 0.

ARTICLE 7. Any Other Business

Engineer Thorne and the committee discussed the slow refill rate of the dam after drawdown. He reached out to EGLE to request a flow rate increase but had not heard back.

ARTICLE 8. Public Comment

Barbara Skinner (3024 Thornapple River Dr SE)- Shared that she attended because the SAD needs to get the information as to what they are doing in front of the residents. She appreciates the weed removal. Manager Smith suggested mailing a postcard to all SAD members that points them to the Thornapple River SAD page of the website.

Clearance Maring (4567 Little Harbor)- Came to acknowledge the work of the committee and request the Township representative lean into the work of these volunteers. He encouraged the committee to meet as often as possible under the Open Meetings Act and remain transparent.

ARTICLE 9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Liaison Shipley to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Rissi. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Approved by the Thornapple River SAD Ad-Hoc Committee - TBD