RESOLUTION 2011-33
ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AMEND
LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF
2.75-ACRES OF PROPERTY ON THE ST. CLAIR RIVER
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PORT HURON
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SECTION OF THE BRIDGE TO BAY TRAIL
& COMMITMENT OF COUNTY MILLAGE FUNDS

WHEREAS, Acheson Ventures, owners of St. Clair River shoreline between the Seaway
Terminal and the Black River in City of Port Huron, are willing to sell a portion of their property to St.
Clair County for use as a County park and a section of the Bridge to Bay Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of St. Clair County is spearheading the development of
the Blue Water River Walk which will be part of the Bridge to Bay Trail and will include the restoration of
shoreline habitat and the protection of permanent public access to the St. Clair River shoreline south of the
Black River, and has asked St. Clair County to assist the public project by purchasing the south end of the
project area from Acheson Ventures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the St. Clair County Master Recreation Plan
Acquisition Goals which propose to “Continue to work in concert with Acheson Ventures to promote
public access along the shoreline portion of its property in downtown Port Huron”; to “Pursue the
acquisition of new properties that are culturally and/or naturally significant in conjunction with the
Southeast Michigan Greenways Plan”; and to provide “Opportunities for water access and a system of
water trails”; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously on
September 8, 2011 to maintain its commitment to providing the maximum local match for the grant
application; and

WHEREAS, subsequent discussions with Acheson Ventures have resulted in an expected
purchase price of $250,000 and total grant expenses of $300,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
does hereby commit to provide a 50% local grant match from the County Parks and Recreation millage in
amount of 150,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners formally
authorizes the submission of an amended acquisition grant application and supplemental information to the
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase 2.75-acres of land along the St. Clair River in the City
of Port Huron from Acheson Ventures.

Dated: August 3, 2011

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