RESOLUTION 2025-21

ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE'S "WILDLIFE HABITAT GRANT PROGRAM" FOR ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION'S RESTORATION OF NATIVE GRASSLAND AND NATIVE PLANTINGS IN AREAS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY PARK

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources offered an opportunity in July for St. Clair County Parks & Recreation to apply for consideration of a grant for the purpose of restoring native grasslands in areas of Columbus County Park that would promote wildlife habitats, butterflies and pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the grant application allowed for a nominal cash match (\$5,000 from the existing annual budget) and the value of "in-kind services" of a staff member to oversee the two-year project (\$34,948) to be combined with a grant award of \$80,000 for the site prep, seeding and maintenance of the 100 acre area for a total project cost of \$119,948; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was July 29, 2025, a date prior to the Board of Commission's August meeting schedule; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission was notified on August 13, 2025 that the application was reviewed and approved for a grant in the amount of Eighty-thousand dollars (\$80,000) combined with a local match as required and described within the grant agreement attached;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and accepts the terms and conditions of the grant agreement issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the "Wildlife Habitat Grant Program" in the amount of Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) regarding grassland restoration and native plantings at Columbus County Park.

Dated: September 4, 2025

Reviewed and Approved As To Form By:

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