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ALCONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION #2022-18

SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF CONSUMERS ENERGY DAMS

WHEREAS, in a news release dated August 9, 2022, Consumers Energy announced it will gather opinions from the public about the 13 dams they own and operate on five Michigan rivers to help guide their decisions about the future of those electric generation facilities; and

WHEREAS, within the news release, Norman Kapala, Vice President of Generation Operations at Consumers Energy explains, "We need to perform due diligence now as the licenses to operate your dams begin to expire in 12 years. We do not want to assume we know how individuals and communities feel about our dams as we develop plans to either continue investing in or remove any of your rivers hydro facilities." and acknowledges, "We are keenly aware dams have great significance for local communities and impact recreation to Michigan residents and visitors statewide. Public input will be an important component in our long-term strategic planning regarding the future of our dams."; and

WHEREAS, in October 2022, Consumers Energy held a public meeting in Alcona County regarding the Alcona dam; and

WHEREAS, the one dam within Alcona County creates a robust recreational and economic impact within our county; and

WHEREAS, decommissioning of this dam would be devastating to the local economy in Alcona County as well as the economy state-wide as thirteen dams are being considered for decommissioning; and

WHEREAS, the true economic impact cannot be quantified at this time due to the lack of comprehensive, professional and independent report; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy benefited from using Michigan's natural resources for more than one hundred years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners believes Consumers Energy has a responsibility to fund state-wide economic and environmental studies by an independent consultant with the expertise in these subjects to obtain an accurate picture of the true economic and environmental impacts to the State of Michigan and Alcona County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alcona County Board of Commissioners further supports the exploration of other funding sources for these studies including but not limited to State and Federal grants.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by
Commissioner Brege to approve the resolution as presented.

Ayes 5
Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

State of Michigan)
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County of Alcona)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Meeting held on the 21st day of December, 2022 and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

Stephany Eller
Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk



Resolution

RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE MICHIGAN AUTO INSURANCE REFORM ACT TO AMEND THE REIMBURSEMENT CAP FOR AUTO ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND HOME HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act of 2019 introduced a fee cap, which took final effect on July 1, 2021; this cap set percentage limits on how much residential care facilities, home health care providers, and other persons can be reimbursed for providing treatment/care to auto accident victims; and

WHEREAS, these reimbursement caps are 55% of the reimbursement rates that Home Care Providers were collecting in 2019;

WHEREAS, 55% of a Home Health Care provider's 2019 collections, is an unsustainable reimbursement cap to continue caring for catastrophically injured individuals following an auto accident;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act to address a sustainable fee cap (i.e. Michigan's Workman's Compensation Fee Cap for Ancillary Services) for Home Health Care providers, in order to uphold these benefits that have been paid for by the survivors who are currently receiving and who will receive in-home, long-term care, when purchasing an Unlimited PIP Auto Insurance policy, paid by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Barry County Clerk is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Barry County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as Commissioner Correspondence.

Benjamin D. Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela Palmer
Barry County Clerk

Adopted 12/13/22