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Yates Township Board
Special Meeting Minutes, Thursday, July 01, 2026
Yates Township Office Building
In person and Zoom
6437 S Nelson Rd., Idlewild, MI 49642

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Grier called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:
   __P__ Supervisor Grier
   __A__ Clerk McGregory (excused)
   __P__ Treasurer Patterson
   __P__ Trustee Tate (Late 10:30am)
   __P__ Trustee Coffey
4. **Public comments limited to 3 minutes**

5. Motion to approve meeting agenda

Motion by Treasurer J. Patterson Seconded Supervisor C. Grier
Voice Vote: Unanimous; Motion Carried.

6. Yates Township's First Right of Refusal to acquire eligible tax-foreclosed properties from Lake County.

   Yates Township Board discussion opened by Supervisor Chris Grier cited that the deadline for the township's decision is July 1, 2026. Beginning with a detailed discussion of properties redeemed last fiscal year and the reasons these were still assets, Board Members Coffey, Tate, and Patterson shared their understanding of why these changes did not occur. All members were in agreement that changes in leadership, the need for additional information on administrative cost, what buyers pay, and the most affective steps needed to benefit the Township.

   The Board reviewed the list of current tax-foreclosed properties. Parcel 742-04-400 Lots 44-45 were identified as being "in the water" by Treasurer Patterson. Treasurer Patterson also made known her concerns over budgeting issues in paying for this purchase and its impact on Township revenue.

   Motion was made by Trustee Tate and Seconded by Trustee Coffey that the Township agrees to take all tax-foreclosed properties as submitted by the Lake County Treasurers office for 2026 with the exception of Parcel 742-04-400 at a cost of approximately $41,000.00.
   Voice Vote: Unanimous; Motion Carried

7. Supervisor Grier discussed with the Board the need to authorize the emergency removal of unsafe trees located on Williams Island and the impact of address health and safety concerns. He went on to hear comments and opinions from Trustee Tate and Coffey as well as input from Treasurer Patterson. Proposed costs for tree removal were reviewed. Ten Carter - $3,700.00, Tim Schere - $1,700.00 and Oscar Barnes – no cost reported at meeting time. More discussion continued and it was noted that

Zoning Administrator Eric Cody should issue a land use permit to remove dead trees located on the lake at no charge.

Motion was made by Trustee Tate and Seconded by Trustee Coffey to authorize Tim Schere to cut trees on Williams Island to ground level and remove all debris.
Voice Vote: Unanimous; Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Grier, Seconded by Treasurer Patterson

Meeting Adjourned 1:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marshelean Garrett, Deputy Clerk

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