

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 16th day of March 2023, with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: *Kim Vaughan, Bill Futz, Matt Koch*

Commissioners Absent: *Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell*

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner *Koch*,
seconded by Commissioner *Futz*,

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION #2023-03 Resolution to Oppose the Camp Grayling Expansion

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling is asking for a 20-year lease of additional land, from the people of Michigan through the Michigan DNR for Military Training Activities, significantly expanding the current area used for this purpose in northern Michigan.

WHEREAS, Northern Michigan relies on the recreational opportunities presented by their beautiful rich forests, pristine rivers, and open farmlands and the people of Northern Michigan want to retain what is left of its rustic and natural outdoor playground atmosphere, for the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors.

WHEREAS, the Proposed Expansion will disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of the Natural Resources owned by the people of Michigan, reduce the effectiveness of the "PURE MICHIGAN Campaign," reduce tourism dollars to community businesses, and create even more hardships for its citizens.

WHEREAS, the Michigan National Guards usages of our public land has already created contamination of the areas ground water and has already been poisoning citizens for years without giving the community a plan for cleanup.

WHEREAS, the proposal increases use within the Manistee, Muskegon and AuSable River watersheds, thus increasing the possibility of contamination in the Great Lakes; since the Manistee and Muskegon Rivers both flow into Lake Michigan. The AuSable River flows into Lake Huron.

WHEREAS, the unnatural noise level of training is tolerated currently, any expansion of the ground and air usage will create a much larger distraction from the serenity of PURE MICHIGAN, driving away citizens and visitors that love their community and the peaceful enjoyment of nature.

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling onto DNR lands does not support the Mission Statement of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources: "We are committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Shannon Lott, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this Counties State Senator and State Representative, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Koch; supported by Commissioner Gutz

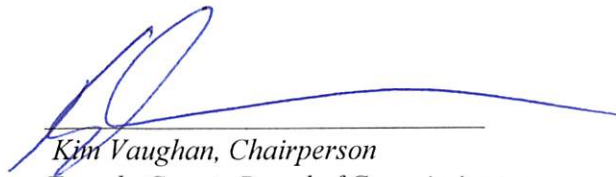
Ayes: Gutz, Koch, Vaughan

Nays: none

Absent: Young, Bardwell

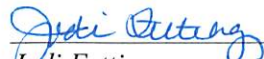
Resolution declared approved dated this 16th day of March, 2023.

Date March 16, 2023


Kim Vaughan, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on March 16, 2023.

Date March 16, 2023


Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO