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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'  
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting  
Held June 9, 2022  
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom  
Machias, Maine**

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**Attending the meeting were:  
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy  
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.  
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager  
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant  
Anne Cassidy, Calais  
Susan Hatton, SCEC  
Susan Goodrich, Dennysville  
Dean Preston, Unorganized Territories  
Tammy Gay, Deeds  
Marlene Sprague, Deeds  
Josh Rolfe, WRCC  
Lisa Hanscom, EMA**

**Commissioner Christopher Gardner was not present**

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Commissioner Cassidy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald introduced Regina Grabrovac of Healthy Acadia to update the Commissioners on the progress of the Community-Corrections Gardening Program, and to discuss the next steps in the garden process. Ms. Grabrovac stated she inspected the County-owned parcel of land with Betsy Fitzgerald, Nate Pennell of the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District and Mark McBrine, organic farmer and Food Service Manager at Mountain View Corrections Facility in Charleston. Ms. Grabrovac reported that soil tests have been completed. Ms. Grabrovac provided the Commissioners with a map illustrating the best location for the garden, a secondary garden location and a parking area (see attached). Ms. Grabrovac stated Mark McBride recommended using the back side of the site where it is more level. Ms. Grabrovac noted the area recommended by Commissioner Gardner at the last presentation was looked at but is not a big enough area to use. Ms. Grabrovac outlined the next steps. An access road will be needed, and PFAS and heavy metal soil testing is needed to be done. Ms. Grabrovac explained the PFAS and heavy metal soil testing is needed to be sure food grown in this area will be okay for human

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consumption. Ms. Grabrovac stated Mark McBrine and State of Maine Commissioner of Corrections Randall Liberty have offered the use of equipment. There is a potential to plow in July. Ms. Grabrovac requested permission from the Board of Commissioners to continue with the soil samples and the next steps outlined in the presentation.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to authorize Healthy Acadia to continue with the next steps for the Community-Corrections Gardening Program as presented.  
(Crowley / Cassidy, 2-0.)**

The regular meeting of the Unorganized Territories proceeded at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2022.  
(Crowley / Cassidy, 2-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report**

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston's monthly report was submitted. (See attached)

Dean reported he is continuing to investigate the status of the Haycock Harbor Road in Trescott Twp. Dean stated it needs to be determined if the unmaintained portion needs to be abandoned or revitalized and maintained.

Dean stated he has been working with the Town of Lubec and Axiom regarding the Broadband initiative. Dean reported this Broadband initiative may be able to include a portion of the U.T. that would specifically include Trescott Twp. Dean has scheduled a meeting with the project lead, Mark Oullette of Axiom, for the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Dean anticipates he will have more information to provide at the July meeting of the Commissioners.

Dean reported he is working with the State for a reflective sign to be erected on Route 1 for the Edmunds School.

**AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update**

A report was submitted and is attached.

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Ms. Hatton presented a request for a Revolving Loan Modification for

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Susan Goodrich, dba Sue's Cobscook Bay Café. Ms. Goodrich is requesting a TIF loan in the amount of \$25,000.00. This amount will be added to Ms. Goodrich's TIF loan in the amount of \$80,000.00 that she received in 2020. Ms. Goodrich ran into some unanticipated costs. The requested funds will be used for additional storage, working capital, inventory and equipment. The term of the loan will be 15 years from the original loan date of June 16, 2020. Ms. Hatton noted there is sufficient collateral to cover both the existing loan amount of \$86,259.00 plus the additional amount of \$25,000.00. Ms. Hatton stated the Loan Committee recommended approval of this loan request by a vote of 5-0-0.

**\*MOTION\* Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the TIF Revolving Loan Modification, Loan # SG-TIF-05-17-22, in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Susan Goodrich, dba Sue's Cobscook Bay Cafe. (Crowley / Cassidy, 2-0)**

**AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**4:10 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.**

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