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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
Held November 4, 2021
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Commissioner John B. Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton E. Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Lewis Pinkham, Milbridge
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO
Rich Rolfe, WCSO
Michael Crabtree, Sheriff's Office
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Tammy Gay, Deeds
Carlene Holmes, Probate
Lisa M. Hanscom, EMA**

There were two tax abatement hearings prior to the regular meeting of the Unorganized Territories: Bibber vs. Town of Charlotte hearing began at 2 p.m., and Jones vs. Town of Charlotte began at 3 p.m.

Commissioner Gardner called the meeting of the Unorganized Territories to order at 4:54 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. meeting minutes of October 13, 2021.
(Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

Unorganized Territories Supervisor Dean Preston's monthly report was submitted and is attached.

Dean presented a draft of the UT 2022-2023 budget draft for the Commissioners' review. (See attached.) Dean stated the final draft will be presented at the Public Hearing of December 9, 2021.

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Dean reported he built \$250,000.00 into the U.T. 2022-23 budget for the Mill Stream Bridge project to offset expenses that may not be

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covered by Maine Department of Transportation.

Dean reported that he met with the Worcester Family regarding a potential project that could qualify for the TIF program.

Dean reported he secured a grant through the Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Office ATV Program for the Dennysville ATV Club. The total project funding approval is \$61,000.00.

Dean reported on Shellfish Conservation in the U.T. Dean stated an inventory of all equipment and the condition of equipment has been performed. Dean noted he and Brian Beal of Down East Institute visited the sites used for clam recruitment boxes, and surveyed other sites to assess softshell clam health and populations. The data collected will be used in developing the 2022 recruitment box deployment plan.

Dean stated paving operations in Edmunds Twp., Centerville Twp. and Big Lake Twp. have been postponed until spring of next year due to a lack of private trucks to haul material.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Committee Update

Ms. Hatton's monthly report was submitted and is attached.

Ms. Hatton stated there were no action items. Ms. Hatton did present two updates on two separate bridge projects. The Downeast Lakes Lands Trust was awarded \$15,000.00 from the TIF funds to install a bridge at the Getchell Pugs Crossing in Township 43. The Downeast Lakes Lands Trust was also awarded \$21,391.00 from the TIF funds to install a bridge at the Lower Oxbrook Stream Crossing in T6. Ms. Hatton reported that both bridge installations are complete.

Commissioner Gardner noted repairs have been done to the Edmunds Bridge.

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AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.