



WHITE CLOUD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
1087 Newell, White Cloud, MI 49349 (NC Commissioners Boardroom)
Minutes for August 12, 2025

A. Meeting Called to Order

The Special Meeting of the White Cloud City Council was held on the above date. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

1. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Damon Anuci, Amy Barnhard, Herm Becker, Candice Dault, Brian Miller, Jeff Murchison, Lori Shears

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: April Storms, Kelli Arnold, Jon Patterson, Adam Hoover

Sign-in: Gene & Donna Schontanus, Dennis & Cheryl Hult, Pat & Rhonda Hedlund, Ken Follett, Pam Miller, Rich Dault, Marva Shears, Charles & Verna Twing, Marce Hansen, Steve Smith, Joe Fox, Shelley Cook, Jan Smith, Jackie Smith, Charles Paul Smith, Leslie Anderson, Tanya Debski, Gayle Conlan, Chuck Christenson

Via Zoom: Laura Watkins, Mark G, Nicole Woodard, Samsung SM-A037U, John Stivers, Angel Calnin, Ryan Maike, Andrea, Larry, Samsung SM-921U, Rick, Patty Steffes, Andrea, Mindy Mench, Amanda

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Agenda for the Special Meeting August 12, 2025.

The mayor would like to amend the agenda to change item B to Public Comment, resulting in the re-lettering of subsequent items.

Motion by Becker, **Supported** by Murchison to approve the special meeting agenda with amendments for August 12, 2025.

Vote: Ayes-All Nays- None Absent- None

Motion Carried

3. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Murchison

B. Public Comment

Theresa (did not sign in, last name not given), Jackie Smith, Charles Smith

Received

C. Reserved Time

City Manager Storms

Mayor Miller

Received

D. New Business

1. Engineer selection for Phase One presentation of all options for future of WC Dam
The City Council members were given responses from Spicer Group, Wade Trim & Geosyntec Consultants, to questions asked of them by the City Manager. The questions asked were:

- When would your team be available to present Phase One options to City Council?

- What options would your Phase One Proposal include?
- From your professional standpoint, would decommissioning the dam and removing it from regulatory oversight reduce or eliminate risk from a liability insurance standpoint in the same way as full removal?
- Can you provide any examples or documentation from other municipalities where decommissioning helped mitigate insurance concerns?
- Is there any additional information you would suggest I present to council to support their confidence in selecting your firm for this work?
- What is the estimated cost for your firm to sit down with the Mayor and City Manager to develop a full Phase One proposal – including options, recommendations, and cost estimates and to prepare and present that proposal to City Council?

After reviewing the responses, City Manager Storms recommended Wade Trim based on the grant expertise shown during their slideshow presentation from conceptual through completion of restoration, funding and reporting. In the presentation they showed a restorative vision for the option of dam removal, they were forthcoming with challenges, gave realistic timeframes and avoided over-promising as well as their timely compliance up to this point.

Motion by Becker, **Supported** by Murchison to select Wade Trim as the Engineer firm to assist the city in the next phase of the White Cloud Dam.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Becker, Murchison, Dault, Barnhard, Shears, Anuci, Miller

Nays- None Absent- None

Motion Carried

E. Public Comment

Marva Shears, Theresa (did not sign in, last name not given) , Pam Miller, Cheryl Hult

Received

F. Council Member Comments

Shears, Becker, Miller

Received

G. Adjourn

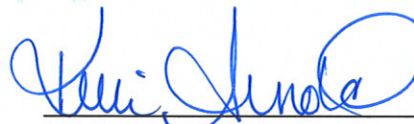
Adjourn the special meeting.

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Barnhard to adjourn the special meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Vote: Ayes-All Nays- None

Motion Carried


Brian J. Miller, Mayor


Kelli Arnold, Clerk
Approved on 9/2/2025