

# **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE**

## **Elk Rapids Township, Antrim County, Michigan**

### **RESOLUTION # 2019 - 11**

**WHEREAS**, agricultural farmland and open space is important to our community by generating economic revenue, providing important environmental benefits, maintaining our rural character and open spaces and by contributing to our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Antrim County Commissioners adopted a Farmland and Open Space Development Rights Ordinance on July 8, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Rapids Township adopted a resolution supporting the Antrim County Farmland and Open Space Development Rights Ordinance on July 8, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Rapids Township adopted the Elk Rapids Township Farmland and Open Space Development Rights Ordinance on July 9, 2004.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Board of Elk Rapids Township, Antrim County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 6, 2019 election ballot:

Proposal for Elk Rapids Township to preserve farmland and open space by offering a voluntary program to purchase agricultural conservation easements for the permanent preservation of farmland and open space, scenic views, wildlife habitat and water quality and enable Elk Rapids Township to take advantage of possible matching funds in Elk Rapids Township.

Shall Elk Rapids Township impose an increase of up to 1.00 mills (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 10 years, 2019 through 2028 inclusive, to provide funds for the purpose of conducting purchases of agricultural conservation easements from willing landowners to permanently preserve

farmland and open space in accordance with the Elk Rapids Township Farmland and Open Space Development Rights Ordinance; which 1.00 mills increase will raise an estimated \$273,199.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

Motion made by Hults and seconded by Szymanski.

Upon roll call vote the following voted

YES: Hults, Szymanski, Amos, and Boisvert

NO: 0

ABSENT: Isenhart

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Shelley Boisvert, Clerk

### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Shelley Boisvert, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Elk Rapids Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board by a roll call vote at a special meeting of the Board held on May 9, 2019, at which meeting a quorum was present; and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

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