

Minutes approved 8-22-23



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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting July 11, 2023

Call to Order by Chairman Lynn Baese at 7:00 pm.

Members present were Mike Surprenant, Pam Bale, Norm Fullmer, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese and Darlene Sensor. Diane Randall was absent.

Alternate members present. John Hines who sat in for Diane Randall.

Approximately fourteen members of the public were in attendance.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Pam Bale to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023, meeting. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Jim Mikollaizik and supported by Darlene Sensor to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Pam Bale and supported by Mike Suprenant to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 7-11-2023 are \$6,902.99 in the checking account, \$425,676.56 in the money market account and \$409,975.24 in the CD account for a total of \$ 842,554.79. Expenses year to date total \$89,026.29 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Michigan Wild Rice Initiative scheduled for August 30-31, 2023, at the RAM Center at Higgins Lake was discussed.

Mercury test results from the 2022 fish sampling were presented to the board and public. Results are posted on the HLIB website.

RLS Report-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones reported that sediment testing for 2,4D, triclopyr, and diquat will be conducted in six locations during the month of August.

Phosloc has not been used in any of the canals this season to treat algae blooms. Past use has been very effective.

Treatment areas recommended by Dr. Jones included North Bay, Muddy Bay, Long Point and East Bay cove. Pros and cons were discussed with the Board about the use of ProcellaCOR in some of these areas.

Dr. Jones recommended that no treatment of curly leaf pond weed in the Southwest area take place since curly leaf begins to die back and collapse this time of year.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Mike Suprenant to treat the following area with Renovate 3 that was purchased last year: Muddy Bay @ 157 acres, North Bay @ 82 acres, and Long Point @ 77 acres. The Southeast cove area will be treated with ProcellaCOR @ 27.5 acres. Total cost not to exceed \$150k. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, John Hines, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried unanimously.

A discussion regarding the timing of treatment posting was added to the agenda. The board requested that PLM try to post notice of treatment further in advance.

Public comment was heard from Don Lambie, Craig Cotterman, Mike Smolka and Bob Sredzinski.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Norm Fullmer to adjourn at 8:58 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
August 22, 2023
Roscommon Township Hall

