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Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2025

Call to Order by Chair Diane Randall Sensor at 7:01 pm.

The members were Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Mike Surprenant, Chase Schepke, Jim Mikolaizik and Norm Fullmer. Darlene Sensor was absent.

Seven of the public were present.

Public comment from Craig Cotterman.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Lynn Baese to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Lynn Baese to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 7-8-25 were \$7,966.23 in the checking account, \$274,043.83 in the money market account and \$721,354.63 in the Michigan Class account for a total of \$1,003,364.59. Expenses year to date total \$358,075.56. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

A copy of the 2024 audit was provided to all board members.

Tom Herriott representing Spectrum introduced himself as the new account rep that will be servicing the HLIB account.

RLS Report-Mike Solomon representing RLS reported that approximately 348 acres of the lake was treated June 24, 2025 using a combination of ProcellaCOR and diquat for a total of \$295,322.50. Diane Randall asked why the 11% discount had not been applied to the invoice. Bre from PLM stated she would review and make a correction. The June treatment did not include areas identified for treatment in the Middle Grounds at the direction of EGLE. It is unknown at this time if a permit will be reissued.

RLS presented a proposal for a Cladophora algae survey. Option 1 was a whole shore line survey of twenty-seven miles at a cost of \$27,500. Option 2 was a survey in the Long Point area at a cost of \$10,500. After discussion, no action was taken on the proposal. Board members Baese and Surprenant will conduct a survey of the Long Point area to determine areas affected.

CD3 issues continue with only one of the east location reporting. CD3 had agreed to provide a years' worth of software at no charge due to the issues that were encountered in the past eighteen months. CD3 and the DNR have been contacted.

The last sediment testing of the lake bottom was conducted in the fall of 2023. The board discussed a plan to test every three years.

Public comments were heard from Dave Bissbe and Craig Cotterman.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Norm Fullmer

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
August 14, 2025
Markey Township Hall