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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Meeting  
September 28, 2021**

Call to Order by Chairman Deamud at 7:05 pm

Members present were Jack McCauley, Rex Wolfsen, Norm Fullmer, Jim Mikolaizik and James Deamud. David Russo and Matt Peterson were absent.

Alternates present were Lynn Baese.

**Motion** by Mr. Mikolaizik and supported by Mr. McCauley to approve the minutes of the 7-27-2021 regular meeting. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. McCauley to approve the agenda as presented. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. McCauley to accept the following treasurers report. Account balances as of 9-28-2021 were \$17,667.07 in the checking account, \$19,536.40 in the money market account and \$409,849.89 in the CD account for a total of \$447,053.36. Expenses year to date total \$664,932.41. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Josh Pellow with the DNR supplied the board with updated usage information on the two CD3 boat cleaning systems.

**Motion** by Mr. Mikolaizik and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to certify the changes made to the HLIB assessment roll as directed by the respective township's assessors for the 12-1-2021 winter taxes. Members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. McCauley, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Mikolaizik and supported by Mr. McCauley to set the HLIB special assessment rate for the 12-1-2021 winter tax at \$120 per unit and \$60 per half unit. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. McCauley, and Mr. Deamud. Members opposing the motion were Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carries.

Documents were provided for review to board members regarding the next five-year assessment period 2022-2026.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. McCauley to set the following meeting dates for 2022. January 25, March 22, May 24, July 26, and September 27. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Mikolaizik to approve proposal by Tony Farhat for website support in the amount of \$600 per year. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**RLS Report**-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones reported that the Phoslock treatment on McKinley canal number 5 has had positive results. Some surface scum is present but blue-green algae has reduced.

Water quality was to be tested in the week ahead to measure phosphorus levels.

Due to drought conditions rice seed is unavailable for a fall planting this year,

Many small clusters of EWM have been found resulting in a combination of systemic herbicides and contract treatments. Seed bank re-emergence may be the cause of the numerous small clusters.

Goal is to keep treatment areas to 500 acres or less.

Muddy Bay will need treatment of EWM before rice emerges.

Mike Solomon reported that treatment products have increased as much as 15% but that he has negotiated a maximum increase of 7% for 2022.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported Mr. Fullmer to approve the RLS 2022 contact as presented for \$71,169. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. McCauley, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. McCauley to adjourn at 8:06 pm. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting  
January 25, 2022  
Location TBD