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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2024**

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

The members present were Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizik and Norm Fullmer. Pam Bale and Diane Randall were absent.

Alternates John Hines sat in for Diane Randall and Deputy Drain  
Commissioner Chase Schepke sat in for Pam Bale

Three members of the public were in attendance. Public comment was heard from Dave Bisbee and Craig Cotterman.

**Motion** by John Hines and supported by Mike Suprenant to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024, meeting. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

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

**Motion** by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Darlene Sensor to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 4-18-24 are \$5,372.39 in the checking account, \$479,053.42 in the money market account and \$412,053.59 and \$250,000 in the CD accounts for a total of \$1,146,912.40. Expenses year to date total 200,050.24 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by Norm Fullmer and supported by John Hines to approve the Spectrum proposal for 2024 in the amount of \$10,300.00. Members voting in the affirmative were John Hines, Jim Mikolaizik, Mike Suprenant, Lynn Baese, Chase Schepke, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

**RLS Report**-Dr. Jennifer Jones advised the board that the canal survey will take place mid-May weather permitting.

Dr. Jones and member Mike Suprenant have been working on a proposed Aquatic Vegetation Management Education Workshop. They are currently looking at dates in August. More details will be provided at the June 13 meeting.

BreAnne Grabill representing PLM provided product and labor pricing for the 2024 season. Cost stays the same as last year. She also discussed a Demo Project using SePRO's product ProcellaCOR which carries a three-year warranty when used as a stand-alone product. There would not be any warranty if ProcellaCOR is used with any other product. The proposed project size would be about one hundred acres. Treatment with ProcellaCOR in June and July are the best times.

**Motion** by Mike Suprenant and supported by Lynn Baese to approve canal treatment in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Members voting in the affirmative were John Hines, Jim Mikolaizik, Mike Suprenant, Lynn Baese, Chase Schepke, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Darlene Sensor and supported by John Hines to adopt the proposed By-Laws for the HLIB that include two revisions made during discussion. HLIB replaced the word "board" throughout the document and election of officers will take place at the last meeting of the year. Members voting in the affirmative were Jim Mikolaizik, John Hines, Mike Suprenant, Lynn Baese, Chase Schepke, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Secretary Fullmer updated the board on the following topics:

- DNR update on the Flats Project.

- CD3 usage results.

- Pending audit

- Hydrilla Infestation online seminar 5-21-24

Public comment was heard from Mike Smolka, and Craig Cotterman.

**Motion** by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Mike Suprenant to adjourn at 8:51 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Norm Fullmer

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting  
June 13, 2024  
Roscommon Township Hall