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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2026**

Call to Order by Chair Diane Randall at 7:00 pm.

The members present were Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Darlene Sensor, Jim Mikolaizik and Norm Fullmer.

Rebecca Ragen and Mike Surprenant were absent. Alternate Rex Wolfsen sat in for Rebecca Ragen

Ten members of the public were present.

Public comment was heard by Craig Cotterman, Dave Bisbee, Louie Peters

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Lynn Baese to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026 meeting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

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

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Darlene Sensor to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 8-13-26 were \$8,779.32 in the checking account, \$84,061.53 in the money market account and \$503,078.36 in the Michigan Class account for a total of \$595,919.21. Expenses year to date total \$781,530.63 All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

The 2025 audit conducted by UHY was distributed to the board members.

Correspondence was received via email for Eric Cook who was in attendance.

RLS-PLM Report-Dr Jennifer Jermolowicz, Mike Soloman, and Bre Grabill (representing PLM) reported to the board a new area of milfoil has emerged on the north area of the main body totaling 3375 acres. This is an area that traditionally did not see an abundance of milfoil. Although no definitive cause can be attributed to the outbreak, speculation ranges from spring flooding adding significant nutrients to the lake to a resurgence in the seed bank. Other areas impacted included Muddy Bay, Southeast Bay, and North Bay. An area of 1804 acres of milfoil is the most concerning. PLM offered treatment cost for all the affected areas.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Rex Wolfsen to approve treatment of 1804 acres of milfoil in the northern section of the main body south of Long Point and the North Shore in the amount of \$252,560 beginning the week of August 24, 2026. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Resolution 2026-8-13 offered by Diane Randall and supported by Lynn Baese to transfer \$253,000 from the Michigan Class account to the Huntington checking account increasing the amount budgeted in account 735 PLM from \$750,000 to \$1,003,000. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Sediment testing was discussed and is a budgeted item that will take place in September 2026.

Chair Randall asked for volunteers to research possible remedies for vegetation removal along the south shore and the southeast basin.

Public comments were heard from Craig Cotterman, Dave Bisbe, and Ken Kovtun

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next Meeting
October 8, 2026
Lake Township Hall

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer