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## **Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting Minutes July 23, 2019**

Call to order by Chairman Deamud at 7:00 pm.

Members present were Jack McCauley, Matt Peterson, David Russo, Rex Wolfsen, James Deamud and Norm Fullmer. Keith Stiles was absent.

Alternates present were Chip McCullough, Robyn Daniels, Howard Hatherly, Lynn Baese and Tim Muckenthaler. Dick Pastula was absent. Ms. Daniels sat in for Mr. Stiles.

**Motion** by Mr Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

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

**Motion** Ms. Daniels and supported by Mr. Peterson to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 7-23-19 are Checking \$17,214.62, Money Market \$276,016.39 and a CD balance of \$300.000. Year to date expenses totaled \$204,073.62. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Ms. Daniels to remove Markey Township parcel 008-175-037-1000 from the HLIB assessment role as it is no longer an active parcel. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Copies of the 2019 audit conducted by Baird, Cotter and Bishop were distributed to board members and alternates.

Keith Rubin updated the board on the 2019 boat wash project. He reported 789 contacts with 1651 individual conversations. Fifty nine boats have been washed.

**Motion** by Chairman Deamud and supported by Mr. McCauley to have Mr. Deamud represent the HLIB as an intervening party to the Higgins Lake lake level litigation with total cost not to exceed three thousand dollars.. Those in supporting the motion were Mr. McCauley, Ms. Daniels, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Peterson. Mr. Russo abstained. Mr. Fullmer opposed the motion. Motion carries.

Lake township resident Rod McLain presented to the board petitions in opposition to wild rice planting in Houghton Lake.

No action was taken in regard to wild rice planting.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. McCauley to hire outside counsel to review township resolutions creating the HLIB and offer an opinion regarding the Boards scope and possible conflicts of interest. Mr. Wolfsen volunteered to find counsel for the review. Cost shall not exceed one thousand dollars. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**RLS Report**-Dr. Jermalwicz-Jones reported that 147 acres in the Middle Grounds had been retreated with ProcellaCOR at no cost as prescribed in the warranty by Sepro. She stated that treatment is required in two areas. The areas identified were 34 acres in North Bay and 75 acres in the Muddy Bay area. Treatment cost for 2019 are under budget. Projected cost are approximately \$225,000 with \$300,000 budgeted.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to authorize the expenditure of \$83,000 for treatment of 34 acres in North Bay and 75 acres in the Muddy Bay area. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Ms. Daniels and supported by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 9:15 pm. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting  
Lake Township Hall  
September 24, 2019  
7 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary-Treasurer

