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Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman Deamud at 7:01 pm. Chairman Deamud led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call. Members present Tom Rose, David Russo, Jim Deamud, Jack McCauley, Sheridan Cole, Brett Yardley and Norm Fullmer. Members absent. None. Alternates present. Dick Pastula, Howard Hatherly, Chip McCullough and Keith Stiles. Alternates absent. Norm Goddard and Ken Melvin

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2014 regular meeting. The word briefly was deleted from the Progressive|AE report paragraph regarding whole lake fluridone treatment. All members present voting yea the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. McCauley and supported by Mr. Yardley to approve the agenda with the addition of a Houghton Lake Resorter bill for approval. With no further additions all members present voting yea the motion carries.

Public Comment-The following comments were made by members of the audience.

- Skip a year of treatment in 2015
- Concern about the concentration of herbicides in the lake
- Aerators in the canals
- Water well testing along lake shore properties
- Goal setting as part of the lake management plan
- Concerns regarding competitive bidding of lake management

Excerpts from several articles were read.

Chairman's Report-Nothing to report this month from the Chairman.

Treasurer's Report-Mr. Fullmer reported the current balance in the checking account is \$17,036.57. With the 2014 winter tax now collected the balance in the Money Market account stands at \$844,933. All bank accounts

balance with the HLIB QuickBooks accounts. A proposed budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was presented.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Yardley to approve the proposed budget as presented. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr. Cole to pay an invoice from Roscommon Township in the amount of \$600 for assessment role administration and an invoice from the Houghton Lake Resorter for an ad run in the Spring Seasons publication in the amount of \$180.38. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. McCauley to approve the request made by the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly for funding of boat wash project for 2015. Funding includes \$5700 in new dollars for 2015 plus \$1950 in carry over from 2014 for a total of \$7650. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Cole to allow board members to attend the Michigan Lakes & Streams conference in Boyne Falls on May 1 & 2, 2015. Motion includes reimbursement for mileage, meals and overnight accommodations for attendees. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Fullmer and supported by Mr. Rose to have maps produced by the Roscommon County Mapping Department of the milfoil special assessment districts for each township with a master copy for the Improvement Board. Expenditure is not to exceed \$500. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Progressive|AE Report-Tony Groves presented the 2014 Annual report for Houghton Lake. Highlights included a plant control history of the lake since 2002. A review of the 2014 treatment map indicated that 1057 acres were treated in 2014 or approximately 5% of the lake. North Bay has not been treated for the past three years. A pre-treatment survey was conducted on June 16 & 17 and a post treatment survey was conducted on September 3 & 4. Results of the surveys are included in the annual report on page 6. The report will be available on the HLIB web site in the next couple of weeks. Tony spoke about the DNA testing done by SVSU over the winter and

indicated that hybrid milfoil was predominate in Houghton Lake. He also spoke of hybrid milfoil becoming resistant to typical treatment dosage and suggested that an increase from 160 pounds per acre to 240 per acre may be required in some areas. Two articles are included in the annual report in Appendix A&B. Phosphorus and Chlorophyll levels as well as general water quality were discussed. Tony then took questions from the Board and the audience.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Rose to approve the contract presented by Mr. Groves on behalf of Progressive|ae for lake management in 2015-16. Members voting yea. Mr. Rose, Mr. Russo, Mr. Deamud, Mr. McCauley, Mr. Yardley and Mr. Cole. Members voting nay. Mr Fullmer.

Motion by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr.Fullmer to adjourn at 8:57 pm. All members present voting yea the motion carries. Date of next regular meeting of the HLIB is June 16, 2015 at 7 pm in the Denton Township Hall.

Respectfully Submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary/Treasurer