

Approved 7-11-24



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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2024**

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

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

Alternate Dave Fedewa sat in for Jim Mikolaizik.

Eleven members of the public were in attendance. Public comment was heard from Craig Cotterman regarding treatment notices.

Motion by Pam Bale and supported by Darlene Sensor to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, meeting. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Darlene Sensor to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Dave Fedewa to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 6-13-24 were \$24,122.91 in the checking account, \$450,816.14 in the money market account and \$423,234.13 and \$256,381.98 in the CD accounts for a total of \$1,154,555.16. Expenses year to date total \$56,079.08 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Secretary Fullmer distributed the 2023 Annual Audit and revised PFOS/PFAS levels in fish samples to the board members. PFOS/PFAS levels are lower than previously reported due to a change in sampling methods.

Motion by Pam Bale and supported by Darlene Sensor requesting the Roscommon County Treasurer to bill the following parcels for short payment.

008-020-005-0790 received payment of \$200 which should have been billed for \$1600. Request new tax bill for \$1400.

008-028-002-0625 received payment of \$200 which should have been billed for \$600. Request new tax bill for \$400.

Members voting in favor of the motion. Dave Fedewa, Mike Surprenant, Pame Bale, Diane Randall, Darelene Sensor, Lynn Baese, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

RLS Report-Dr. Jones reported that approximately fifty acres of canals were treated on May 21, 2024. Cost for the treatment was \$24,842.78.

Wild rice is emerging in Muddy Bay and the Middle Grounds. Additional seeding is not recommended this season.

Dr. Jones spoke about the potential benefits of BioChar for reducing phosphorus in the canals and tributaries.

Approximately eighty percent of the main body of the lake has been surveyed by RLS as of 6-13-24. Proposed treatment maps were provided to each board member.

Bre Grabill with PLM presented a treatment plan of 187 acres. Long point south 94.5 acres, North Bay .7 acres, Southwest basin sixty-five acres, and Middle Grounds twenty-seven acres.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Mike Suprenant to treat the suggested areas no later than 6-25-24 at a cost ranging from 95k to 112k depending on water depth. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Mike Suprenant, Lynn Base, and Norm Fullmer reported on the Michigan Lakes and Streams conference they attended in April.

CD3 reporting issues have not been resolved to the satisfaction of the HLIB and the DNR.

Fishbrain social media app signage has been received and will be placed at each DNR launch site.

A FOIA request was made for the recording of the 4-18-24 meeting. A copy of the recording was provided as requested.

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

Motion by Mike Suprenant and supported by Pam Bale to adjourn at 8:21 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Norm Fullmer

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
July 11, 2024
Denton Township Hall