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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2024**

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

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

Alternate John Hines sat in for Diane Randall.

Six members of the public were in attendance. Public comment was heard from Craig Cotterman.

**Motion** by Darlene Sensor and supported by Pam Bale to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2024, meeting. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by John Hines and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve the agenda with the addition of two follow-up topics. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by Darlene Sensor and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 7-11-24 were \$7,568.48 in the checking account, \$340,924.13 in the money market account and \$423,234.13 and \$256,381.98 in the CD accounts for a total of \$1,028,108.72. Expenses year to date total \$182,633.51 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**RLS Report-**Dr. Jones reported that approximately one hundred eighty-eight acres of the main basin were treated on June 20, 2024. Treatment areas included 87.5 acres at Long Point, Twenty-eight acres in the Southwest basin, and 72.3 acres in the Southwest middle grounds, and North Bay. The cost for the treatment was \$100,626.52.

An area consisting of 10.25 acres was identified for treatment paralleling County Road 401 (Iroquois). Milfoil has become more prevalent in the sand holes created when sand was pumped out of the lake to fill low lying areas.

The Porath canals were discussed as there continues to be excessive vegetation in this area.

Dr. Jones spoke about the potential benefits of BioChar for reducing phosphorus in the canals and tributaries. The board requested a presentation at a future meeting by a representative from Eden Lakes Company, the maker of BioChar.

RLS produced a flyer regarding the invasive species Hydrilla. Mike Suprenant volunteered to produce sign backers to post this flyer at launch sites around the lake.

**Motion** by Norm Fullmer and supported by Mike Suprenant to treat the 10.25 acres paralleling County Road 401 and the Porath canals at a cost of no more than \$10,000. Members voting in the affirmative were Jim Mikolaizik, Mike Suprenant, John Hines, Lynn Baese, Pam Bale, Darelene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Bre Grabill representing Professional Lake Management gave a presentation regarding the legal requirements and policies of posting for near shore and offshore treatments.

A check for \$1800 from the Roscommon County Treasurer has been received to cover the short pay for 1MF3 properties in Markey Township

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

Public comment was heard from Craig Cotterman and Dave Bisbee.

**Motion** by John Hines and supported by Mike Suprenant to adjourn at 8:11 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Norm Fullmer

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting  
August 29, 2024  
Markey Township Hall