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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2025**

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

The members were Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, Diane Randall, Mike Surprenant, Chase Schepke Dave Fedewa, and Norm Fullmer.

Jim Mikolaizik was absent.

Nine members of the public were present.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Darlene Sensor to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Darlene Sensor and supported by Lynn Baese to approve the agenda with the following addition. Resorter ad in the Summer Guide featuring the CD3 boat wash stations. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Darlene Sensor to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 4-17-25 were \$7,092.79 in the checking account, \$605,101.29 in the money market account and \$714,814.66 in the Michigan Class account for a total of \$1,327,008.74. Expenses year to date total \$19,948. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Financials for the budget year 4-1-24 thru 3-31-25 were reviewed. Total expenses for the year were \$266,838. Administrative cost totaled \$26,036 (9.7%) Treatment cost totaled \$155,390 (58.2). Lake management cost totaled \$75,000 (28%). TV campaign totaled \$10,292 (3.8%).

Treasurer Fullmer reported that two CDs have been transferred to Michigan Class Investments. Rates at Michigan Class are 25-30 basis points better than current CD rates.

Mike Surprenant provided an update on the Houghton Lake Business Expo scheduled for April 23, 2025.

Inland Lakes Webinar is available to all on April 29, 2025 beginning at 10 am.

Motion Dave Fedewa and supported Lynn Baese to place a full-page color ad in the Summer Guide featuring the CD3 boat wash stations for a total of \$800. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Mike Surprenant to approve an agreement with Spectrum for the 2025 TV ad campaign for a total of \$9000. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Surprenant, Dave Fedewa, Chase Schepke, Diane Randall, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

RLS Report-Dr Jones advised the board that canal surveys will begin on or about May 20, 2025 with the main body of the lake to be completed before the next regular meeting on June, 12, 2025. Survey maps will be completed before any treatment can begin. A discussion of Hydrilla and its harmful effects completed the RLS report.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Dave Fedewa to make available \$28,000 as a contingency fund for canal treatment. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Surprenant, Dave Fedewa, Diane Randall, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. Chase Schepke voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Public comments were heard from Dave Bissbe, Craig Cotterman, Sharon Mika, Pat Inman, and Bob Sredzinski.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
June 12, 2025
Roscommon Township Hall

