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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
October 2, 2025**

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

The members present were Lynn Baese, Jim Mikolaizik, Darlene Sensor, Mike Suprenant, Diane Randall, and Norm Fullmer

Chase Schepke was absent.

Eight members of the public were present as well as two alternates.

Motion by Darlene Sensor and supported by Lynn Baese to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025 meeting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

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

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Lynn Baese to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 9-30-25 were \$9,230.27 in the checking account, \$239,983.21 in the money market account and \$729,113.93 in the Michigan Class account for a total of \$998,327.11. Expenses year to date total \$391,811.52. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Darlene Sensor and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to adjust the following budget line items. Increase line item for "insurance" (account 711) by \$500 bringing the total to \$5000 and reducing line item "contingency" (account 990) by \$500 for a total of \$9,500.

Increase line item for "audit" (account 705) by \$185 bringing the total to \$4,682 and reducing line item "contingency" (account 990) by \$185 for a total of \$9,315.
All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Mike Suprenant to refund \$40 for parcels 011-202-012-1741 and 011-202-012-1096 for the 2024 assessment and change the classification from 1MF1 to 1MF5 for the 2025 assessment. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mike Suprenant and supported by Lynn Baese certifying that changes have been made to the HLIB assessment roll as directed by the respective township assessors for the 12-1-2025 winter tax roll. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Darlene Sensor setting the HLIB Special Assessment rate at \$80 per unit and \$40 per half unit for the 12-1-2025 winter tax bills. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Lynn Basese setting the following meeting schedule for 2026. February 12, April 16, June 11, July 9, August 13, and October 8. Locations to be determined by availability of township halls. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

RLS Report-Dr.Jermolowicz-Jones reported that the wild rice bed in the middle grounds now covers at varying densities approximately ten acres. Efforts will continue by RLS and the board to continue nurturing this valuable asset on Houghton Lake.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve the RLS proposal for 2026 in the amount of \$75,000. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve a three-year agreement for services with PLM. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Mike Suprenant and Lynn Baese conducted a survey identifying Cladophora locations at numerous locations. Their very professional power-point presentation high lighted some areas where Cladophora has reached nuisance levels.

Public comments were heard from Dave Bissbe, Craig Cotterman, and Don Maurer.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Next Meeting
February 12, 2026
Location TBD

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer