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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
September 27, 2022**

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

Members present were Mike Surprenant, Rex Wolfson, Norm Fullmer, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese and David Russo. Matt Peterson was absent.

Alternates present. Jenny Vanduinen.

Approximately ten members of public were in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfson to approve the minutes of the 7-26-2022 regular meeting. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mikolaizik and supported by Mr. Wolfson to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfson to accept the following treasurers report. Account balances as of 9-27-2022 are \$11,403.45 in the checking account, \$162,006.28 in the money market account and \$409,975.24 in the CD account for a total of \$ 583,384.97. Expenses year to date total \$384,288.45 All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Baese and supported by Mr. Russo to certify changes made to the HLIB assessment roll as directed by the respective township assessors for the 12-1-2022 winter tax bills. Members voting in favor of the motion,

Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Baese, Mr. Surprenant, Mr. Wolfsen, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Surprenant setting the HLIB Special Assessment rate at \$120 per unit and \$60 per half unit for the 12-1-22 winter tax bills. Members voting in favor of the motion, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Baese, Mr. Surprenant, Mr. Wolfsen, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Mikolaizik setting the 2023 HLIB regular meeting schedule as follows, January 24 at Denton Township, May 23 at Markey Township, July 11 at Denton Township, August 22 at Roscommon Township, and October 3 at Lake Township. All meetings begin at 7 pm. Mr. Fullmer to confirm with townships proposed meeting dates. All members present voting in the affirmative, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Russo to pre-buy 1200 gallons of Renovate 3 at \$79.50 per gallon. During discussion with PLM a 5% discount was negotiated bring the cost per gallon to \$75.53per gallon. Members voting in favor of the motion, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. Baese, Mr. Surprenant, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Mikolaizik to approve a three-year contract with PLM for 2023, 2024, and 2025. PLM agrees to maintain the current price structure for 2023 and 2024. The contract states that an increase of 5% or less may be assessed in 2025. Members voting in favor of the motion, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. Baese, Mr. Surprenant, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Russo to authorize Chairman Baese and Secretary Fullmer to purchase an additional 800 gallons of Renovate 3, if available, at a cost not to exceed \$80 per gallon. Members voting in favor of the motion, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. Baese, Mr. Surprenant, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carried.

RLS Report-Dr. Jermalowcz-Jones and Mike Solomon reported that 2022 was a good year in that less than 5% of the lake required treatment.

The rice project in Muddy Bay suffered a setback as rice seed is not available for planting this fall. Rice in the Middle Grounds did grow well this summer, although the bed has not expanded appreciably.

Dr. Jones reported that some lakes have seen harmful algal bloom resulting from over treatment. RLS is being very cautious about over treatment. Treatment cost were approximately \$310,000 with a budget of \$550,000.

A workshop sponsored by the HLIB was discussed for next year, with a variety of vendors and state and federal agencies participating.

RLS will present the annual report for 2022 at the January 2023 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Fullmer to approve the 2023 RLS contract in the amount of \$70,000. Member voting in favor of the motion, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. Baese, Mr. Suprenant, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carried.

The following items were discussed:

A usage report of the CD3 boat wash stations was provided to the Board members and the public.

Mr. Fullmer reported that the fish samples taken by the DNR had been received by the Michigan Department of Health for analysis. Report is expected to take several months.

Assessment roll maps were discussed as it has been several years since new maps were made. Mr. Fullmer to follow up on this.

There was no public comment regarding agenda items.

General public comment:

Mike Smolka distributed a pack of assorted materials to each board member.

George Mika inquired about the rice project in Muddy Bay.

Board comments included the need for a frequently asked question page on the HLIB website by Mr. Mikolaizik.

Mr. Fullmer provided copies of insurance coverage regarding loss of funds due to improper account management.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to adjourn a 8:38 pm. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
January 24, 2023
Denton Township Hall