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## **Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018**

Call to order by Board Member Matt Peterson at 7:05 pm.

Members present were Jack McCauley, Matt Peterson, David Russo, Rex Wolfsen, Keith Stiles and Norm Fullmer. James Deamud was absent.

Alternates present were Lynn Baese, Robyn Daniels and Howard Hatherly. Gary Stefanko, Dick Pastula and Chip McCullough were absent. Lynn Baese sat in for James Deamud.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Stiles to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Treasurer's report-The following are bank balances as of 6-26-18. Checking \$40,978.85, Money Market \$609046.37 and a CD balance of \$400,000. Total funds available are \$1,050,025.22. Year to date expenses totaled \$12,332.25.

Howard Hatherly and Norm Fullmer reported to the board their experience from attending the 2018 Michigan Lakes and Streams Conference held in April. They encouraged other members to attend future ML&S events as it is a great time to learn and network with other lake organizations.

Craig Cotterman gave an update on the boat wash project for Houghton Lake. He reported there had been an issue securing insurance but had found a carrier. Keith Rubin was being interviewed for the position of coordinator for the Houghton Lake project. He expected to have the boat wash in operation by the end of June.

Secretary/Treasurer Fullmer presented the 2017 audit results to the board for their review. The audit by Baird, Cotter and Bishop, P.C. found no material weakness and that the board's "financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear."

The term of Riparian Member Jack McCauley is set to expire in July, 2018. A public notice is to be run in the local paper as well as on the website seeking applicants for the four year term. Applicants must apply by July 20, 2018. Interviews of eligible candidates and a selection will be made by board members at the July 24, 2018 regular meeting.

**RLS Report-**Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones reported to the board that the annual aquatic plant survey was underway and expected to conclude by June 29, 2018. An action plan will be discussed at the next board meeting scheduled for July 24, 2018. Mike Solomon stated the use of a diver assisted suction harvest (DASH) project in the North Bay will not be pursued this season as the DEQ only permitted seven acres of the 27 acre permit requested. The cost for the seven acres was \$25,000 compared to a price of \$45,000 for the entire 27 acre area. Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones reported she was in contact with Dr. Scott Herron, a wild rice expert, regarding reintroduction of wild rice into the traditional areas on the lake where rice had once thrived.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 8:20 pm. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting  
Roscommon Township Hall  
July 24, 2018  
7 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary-Treasurer