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Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2026

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

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

Mike Surprenant was absent.

Seven members of the public were present as well as one alternate member.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2025 meeting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

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

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 2-12-26 were \$1,457.18 in the checking account, \$427,899.11 in the money market account and \$739,213.64 in the Michigan Class account for a total of \$1,168,569.93. Expenses year to date total \$388,134.61. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Darlene Sensor to adopt the 2026-27 budget as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried. 2026-27 budget will be posted on the HLIB website.

RLS Report-Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz presented the 2025 annual report to the board followed by a question-and-answer session. General condition of the lake is very positive with less than two percent of the lake requiring treatment in 2025. One area of concern for next season is the presence of Cladophora along some shorelines.

Also discussed were proposals for canal treatment in the three major canal systems and mechanical harvesting of nuisance vegetation in the main body of the lake. These items will be addressed at the April 23, 2026 meeting.

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

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Next Meeting
April 23, 2026
Markey township Hall

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer