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## **Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting Minutes September 26, 2017**

Call to order by Chairman Deamud at 7:03 pm.

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

Alternates present were Lynn Baese, Gary Stefanko, Chip McCullough, Dick Pastula, Robyn Daniels and Howard Hatherly. Robyn Daniels sat in for Keith Stiles. Gary Stefanko sat in for David Russo as he had another obligation at 8 pm.

**Motion** by Mr. Stefanko and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 regular meeting with the following correction. Mr. Stiles was a no vote on the motion to change the September meeting from 9-19-17 to 9-26-17. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

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

Treasurer Fullmer reported the following bank balances as of 9-26-17. Checking \$42,155.16, Money Market \$292,132.69 and a CD balance of \$400,000. Year to date expenses totaled \$187,335.08.

**RLS presentation**-Mike Solomon reported on the results of the summer treatment stating the desired results were achieved where higher concentrations of herbicide were used. Areas requiring lower concentrations due to DEQ regulations were slower to react. Solomon also reported to the board an area of dense milfoil off the south shore had been located during the follow up visit by RLS. He recommended a treatment of 212 acres at a rate of 200 pounds per acre using Sculpin. The cost of the treatment was estimated at \$96,460.00.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to treat the affected area of 212 acres with 200 pounds per acre using Sculpin at a cost of \$96,460.00. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Deamud, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Wolfsen. Ms. Daniels, Mr. Stefanko and Mr. Fullmer voted in the negative. The motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Ms. Daniels to contract for lake management services with Restorative Lake Sciences for 2018 at a cost of \$64,568.00. Those members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Stefanko, Ms. Daniels, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Mr. Deamud passed. The motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Ms. Daniels to repeat the testing conducted in 2017 for copper, sulfate, Triclopyr and 2,4-D in 2018 at a cost of \$10,600. Testing by an independent lab is required. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Stefanko, Ms. Daniels, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Mr. Deamud passed. The motion carries.

No action was taken on a proposal submitted by Naturally D.A.S.H. for suction harvesting in the North Bay.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Peterson to certify the 2017 assessment roll which consist of the 2016 roll plus changes submitted by the four township assessors. Charges will be added to the December 1, 2017 tax bills. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Ms. Daniels, Mr. Stefanko, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Mr. Deamud passed. The motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Ms. Daniels have the HLIB Treasurer (Norm Fullmer) in conjunction with the Treasurers from Denton, Lake, Roscommon and Markey townships maintain the assessment roll for 2017-2018 effective September 26, 2017. Those members voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Daniels, Mr. Stefanko, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McCauley, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Mr. Deamud passed. The motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Peterson setting the Houghton Lake Improvement Boards Special Assessment rate at \$100 per unit and \$50 per half unit for the 2017 winter tax for Denton, Markey and Roscommon Townships. Those members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Deamud, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McCauley and Mr. Wolfsen. Those members voting against the motion were Ms. Daniels, Mr. Stefanko and Mr. Fullmer.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Wolfsen setting the Houghton Lake Improvement Boards Special Assessment rate at \$110 per unit and \$55 per half unit for the 2017 winter tax for Lake Township. Those members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Stefanko, Mr. Peterson, Mr. McCauley and Mr. Wolfsen. Those members voting against the motion were Ms. Daniels and Mr. Fullmer. Mr. Deamud passed. The motion carries.

**Motion** by Ms. Daniels and supported by Mr. Stefanko to set meeting dates for 2018. The following dates and locations were selected contingent on availability. January 23 with the location to be determined, April 24 at Markey, June 26 at Denton, July 24 at Roscommon and September 25 at Lake. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Sheila Sensor representing Sensor Trust addressed the board seeking relief from milfoil assessment on several properties. The board did not take any action regarding the request.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 9:07pm. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting  
January 24, 2018  
7 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary-Treasurer