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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting Minutes April 23, 2019

Call to order by Chairman Deamud at 7:00 pm.

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

Alternates present were Lynn Baese, Chip McCullough and Dick Pastula. Howard Hatherly, Robyn Daniels and Tim Muckenthaler were absent.

Motion by Mr Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

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

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to nominate James Deamud as Chairman for a period of two years.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to nominate Norm Fullmer as Secretary-Treasurer for a period of two years.

Motion by Peterson and supported by Mr. Russo to elect Mr. Deamud and Mr. Fullmer by acclamation. The motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen supported by Mr. Stiles to accept the following Treasurer's report. Account balances as of 4-23-19 are Checking \$34,756.24, Money Market \$437,196.78 and a CD balance of \$300,000. Total funds available are \$771,953.02. Year to date expenses totaled \$741,322.86. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Board Member and County Commissioner gave an update regarding how the public can petition the County to change a lake level. Two thirds of the Riparian owners on a lake are required to sign a petition and submit \$10,000. Additional fees may be required of the Riparian owners for impact studies, etc.

Norm Fullmer played for the audience and board members the first of a short series of television spots featuring Houghton Lake and the efforts of the HLIB to preserve the lake for future generations.

Craig Cotterman representing the Houghton Lake Lake Association gave a presentation on a proposed boat wash project for the 2019 season. A request of \$42,887.17 which included \$4,702.83 in carry over from the 2018 season.

Motion Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Russo to fund the HLLA boat wash project in the amount of \$20,000 with the stipulation that the issue may be revisited later in the season. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Russo, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. There was no opposition to the motion. The motion carries.

Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones outlined RLS plans to conduct the lake survey in June approximately one month earlier than last year.

Dr. Scott Herren presented a proposal to reestablish wild rice in the Muddy Bay area on the south west side of Houghton Lake. While no action was taken regarding this issue an amount of \$15,000 remains in the budget if the decision is made to proceed at a later date. Optimum planting time is in the late fall.

Motion Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Stiles to adjust the following budget line items for the 2018-2019 budget.

Account 719 "Office Supplies" increases the amount by \$1063 bringing the total to \$2563. Purchase of lap top and printer for the HLIB.

Account 720 "Office Rent" increases the amount by \$100 bringing the total to \$600.

Account 730 "boat Wash Support" increases the amount by \$8500 bringing the total amount to \$10,000.

Account "Studies and Special Projects" Professional Lake Management increases the amount by \$354,847 bringing the total to \$654,847. The reason for this significant adjustment was the use of a new treatment product "ProcellaCOR" which has a higher initial cost but is guaranteed for three treatment seasons. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Peterson to accept the 2019-2020 proposed budget with the following change. Increase the boat wash budget from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Budgeted revenue is \$469,000 with \$436,950 as budgeted expense. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Russo, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Mr. Stiles opposed the motion. The motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 8:55 pm. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting
Denton Township Hall
May 28, 2019
7 pm

Respectfully submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer