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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Meeting  
October 3, 2023**

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

The members present were Pam Bale, Norm Fullmer, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, Diane Randall, and Mike Suprenant. Jim Mikolaizik was absent.

Alternate members present. Jenny VanDuinen and David Fedewa.  
David Fedewa sat in for Jim Mikolaizik.

Three members of the public were in attendance.

**Motion** by Diane Randall and supported by Pam Bale to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023, meeting. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

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

**Motion** by Diane Randall and supported by Pam Bale to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 10-3-23 are \$5,404.99 in the checking account, \$343,880.11 in the money market account and \$412,053.59 in the CD account for a total of \$ 761,338.69. Expenses year to date total 172,524.29 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by Diane Randall and supported by Darlene Sensor authorizing the Chairperson and Treasurer to transfer up to \$250,000 from the Money Market account to a short-term CD. The treasurer will seek the best interest rate and term. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

**Motion** by Pam Bale and supported by Mike Suprenant to adjust the following budget line item. Increase line item “Audit fees” (account 705) by \$100 bringing the total to \$3,600 and reduce the line item “Conferences” (account 709) by \$100 for a total of \$1295. Members voting in favor of the motion were David Fedewa, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, Diane Randall, Mike Suprenant and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Mike Suprenant and supported by Diane Randall to set the 2024 meeting schedule as follows: February 15, April 18, June 13, July 11, August 29, and October 3. Locations to be confirmed and published by the Secretary. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Suprenant, David Fedewa, Diane Randall, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, Pam Bale, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Pam Bale and supported by Mike Suprenant certifying that changes have been made by Norm Fullmer to the HLIB assessment roll as directed by the respective township assessors for the 12-1-2023 winter taxes. Members voting in favor of the motion were David Fedewa, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Mike Suprenant, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Diane Randall and supported by Pam Bale setting the HLIB special assessment rate at \$100 per unit and \$50 per half unit for the 12-1-23 winter taxes. Members voting in favor of the motion were David Fedewa, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Mike Suprenant, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

**RLS Report**-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones and Mike Solomon presented to the board a history of lake treatments 2015 through 2023. Report includes treatment dates, products and quantity used, plants treated, and acres treated.

Four hundred and twelve acres were treated in 2023. The nine-year average for treatment was 709 acres.

A fair amount of curly-leaf pondweed was present in some areas of the lake. No action was taken as curly leaf tends to die off late in the summer. RLS will continue to monitor.

Hydrilla has been found in some areas of Michigan waters and are very invasive plants. PLM has developed a Rapid Response protocol for eradicating Hydrilla.

Rice seed for planting has not been available again this year. A natural stand in the “middle grounds” has been observed and monitored.

Analysis of water quality and sediment samples is currently underway with a report expected early next year.

Public comment was heard from George Mike and Mike Smolka.

**Motion** by Pam Bale and supported by Mike Suprenant to adjourn at 8:50 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Norm Fullmer

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting  
February 15, 2024  
Location to be determined.