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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting October 15, 2024

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

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

Five members of the public were present.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Diane Randall to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2024, meeting, with the following correction. Property described as 011-021-015-0020 should have read 003-021-015-0020. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Mike Suprenant to approve the agenda with the following change. Move the election of officers to the end of the agenda. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Mike Suprenant to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 10-15-24 were \$1,732.62 in the checking account, \$292,971.21 in the money market account and \$423,234.13 and \$261,769.41 in the CD accounts for a total of \$979,707.37. Expenses year to date total \$240,469.37. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Mike Suprenant and supported by Pam Bale certifying that changes have been made to the HLIB assessment roll as directed by the respective township assessors for the 12-1-24 winter taxes. The members voting in favor of the motion were Jim Mikolaizik, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Mike Suprenant, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to set the HLIB assessment rate at \$80 per unit and \$40 per half unit for the 12-1-24 winter tax bills. The members voting in the affirmative were Jim Mikolaizik, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. Mike Suprenant voted nay. The motion carried.

Motion by Mike Suprenant and supported by Darlene Sensor to set the HLIB 2025 meeting schedule as follows. February 13, April 17, June 5, July 17, August 14, and

October 2. Locations and dates are subject to change based on the availability of facilities and potential conflicts with township meetings. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

RLS Report-Dr. Jones and Mike Soloman provided the board with a season end review. Jones stated the wild rice in the “middle grounds” was doing well and increasing in acreage. Wild rice in the north bay is not doing as well and milfoil is starting to reach some A and B levels. Additional seeding will require Michigan seeds to be used eliminating seed from Minnesota or Wisconsin.

An informational workshop was discussed for next spring. There is a possibility to take part in the Houghton Lake Chambers” Businesses Expo” Secretary Fullmer will contact the Chamber for dates.

Jones said that the Annual Report will be presented to the board at the next meeting, scheduled for February 2025.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Mike Suprenant to approve the 2025 RLS contract as presented in the amount of \$75,000. Members voting in the affirmative were Pam Bale, Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Darelene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Darlene Sensor to elect Diane Randall as chairperson for a term of two years. Members voting in the affirmative were Pam Bale, Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizek, Lynn Bases, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. Diane Randall abstained. The motion carried,

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Diane Randall to elect Darlene Sensor as vice-chair for a term of two years. Members voting in the affirmative were Pam Bale, Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, and Norm Fullmer. Darelene Sensor abstained. The motion carried.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Lynn Baese to elect Norm Fullmer as Secretary/Treasurer for a term of two years. Members voting in the affirmative were. Pam Bale, Mike Suprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, and Darlene Sensor. Norm Fullmer abstained. The motion carried.

Public comments were heard from Dave Bissbe, Craig Cotterman, and Pat Inman.

Motion by Mike Suprenant and supported by Lynn Baese to adjourn at 8:13 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
February 13, 2025
Location TBD