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## **Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting July 26, 2022**

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

Members present were Mike Surprenant, Rex Wolfsen, Matt Peterson, Norm Fullmer, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese and David Russo

There were no alternates in attendance.

Approximately twenty members of public were in attendance.

Former Board Chair James Deamud was presented with an award of appreciation for his twenty-two years of service as the chair of the Houghton Lake Improvement Board.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of the 5-24-2022 regular meeting. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen supported by Mr. Russo to approve the agenda with the addition of correspondence received on 7-26-2022 from the State of Michigan Tax Tribunal. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to accept the following treasurers report. Account balances as of 7-26-2022 are \$16,226.95 in the checking account, \$296,953.00 in the money market account and \$409,954.63 in the CD account for a total of \$ 723,134.58. Expenses year to date total \$243,764.95 All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to adopt a Public Comment policy with the following modification. All persons requesting public comment will be asked to stand (if capable) and state their name and address. See attached policy. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Surprenant, Mr. Russo, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carried and the policy is adopted.

**RLS Report**-Dr. Jermalowcz-Jones reported canals were treated June 23 and 550 acres were treated in the Middle Grounds on July 14, 2022. RLS will be on the lake early August to examine the area in the Southwest portion of the lake which has been a trouble spot for several years. A question was raised by a member of the public asking if Diquat was used in the Middle Grounds treatment. Mike Solomon answered stating the Diquat was not used.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to add an additional \$75,000 in contingency for treatment of problem areas in the Southwest portion of the lake as well as North Bay. Members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Surprenant, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. Baese and Mr. Fullmer. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed:

The recent fish study preliminary results were published in the Houghton Lake Resorter and included in member folders. Copies were also made available to the public.

Geo Fencing of the Middle Grounds was discussed as an item to add to next year's budget. Five hundred dollars is the minimum buy which should cover the entire season.

501 (c) 3 status must be applied for in the first 27 months of and organizations formation.

Public comment notes are provided on a separate sheet.

Board comments regarding the 2023 meeting schedule were discussed and the calendar set at the September meeting.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 8:24 pm.  
All members voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting  
September 27, 2022  
Lake Township Hall  
7 pm.