

HOUGHTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

ROSCOMMON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON AND
ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE
CONTINUATION OF THE LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR
HOUGHTON LAKE**

At a regular meeting of the Houghton Lake Improvement Board, Roscommon County, Michigan, held at the Denton Township Hall, 2565 S. Gladwin Road, Prudenville, Michigan 48651, on January 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Members: Rex Wolfson, Jack McCauley, Jim Mikoliazk, David Russo, Matt Peterson, and Norm Fullmer. Alternate for Denton Township Lynn Baese sat in for Mr. Deamund and chaired the meeting.

ABSENT: Member: James Deamund

The following resolution was offered by Member Rex Wolfson and supported by Member Matt Peterson.

WHEREAS, the Board was originally established by resolutions of the Local Units approximately 20 years ago and since that time has existed and has exercised authority for aquatic weed control, sedimentation control and other lake improvement projects and related activities, including the establishment of special assessment districts to finance lake improvements; and

WHEREAS, the current lake improvement program and related special assessment rolls were approved by the Board on September 28, 2021, and the last special assessment for the current lake improvement program was levied on December 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, sedimentation in the lake and the nuisance growth of aquatic plants (particularly invasive plant species) will have a detrimental impact upon the recreational use and enjoyment of the lake, as well as adverse impacts upon the ecosystem of the lake and property values if not controlled under a continuing lake improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to continue its efforts in the control and/or eradication of aquatic weeds, including the treatment, cutting and control thereof, and to improve water quality and confer other benefits as that term is defined in the Act ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wished to fund the Project through a special assessment levied against those properties benefiting from the Project, which properties would be included in the special assessment district as permitted under Part 309 of the Act and as further permitted by resolution of the Local Units; and

WHEREAS, the Local Units have, by resolution, directed and authorized the Board to institute proceedings under Part 309 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board has requested an engineering feasibility report and cost estimates described in Section 30909 of the Act, being MCL 324.30909; and

WHEREAS, the Board contemplates that the Project will be a renewal, or continuation with some modification, of the most recent and continuing lake improvement program and related efforts that have been underway for approximately 20 years or more; and

WHEREAS, the Board further contemplates at this initial stage based on its historical efforts and current lake improvement program (a) that the renewed special assessment period will be five (5) years; (b) that the Board may determine the amount of the assessment on an annual basis; (c) but that one unit (1.0) of assessment will not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year, which is the same as one unit of assessment for the current lake improvement program; and (d) that the actual amount assessed could be less than the proposed two hundred (\$200.00) per year per unit of assessment depending on the costs incurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby declares its intent to proceed to a hearing to determine the practicability of the Project on March 22, 2022, at 7:00 P. M. at Markey Township Hall, 7400 East Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629.

2. Within 60 days of receiving the reports under Section 30909 of the Act, the Board shall hold a public hearing to review the reports and determine the practicability of the Project. Notice of the public hearing shall be provided as set forth in Section 30910 of the Act.

3. At or after the hearing on practicability, if the Board passes a resolution in which it determines the Project to be practicable, the Board shall determine to proceed with the Project, shall approve the plans and cost estimates as originally presented or as revised, corrected, amended or changed, and shall confirm the appropriate special assessment rolls pursuant to the Act.

4. The Board shall notice and hold a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment rolls, as provided in Section 30913 of the Act.

5. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are rescinded.

YEAS: Members: Jack McCauley, David Russo, Jim Mikoliazik, Rex Wolfson, Matt Peterson, Norm Fullmer and Lynn Baese.

NAYS: Members: None

ABSENT: Members: James Deamud

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Houghton Lake Improvement Board

Norm Fullmer, Secretary



The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Houghton Lake Improvement Board at a regular meeting held on January 25, 2022, notice of which was given pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976.

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Norm Fullmer, Secretary

