

Minutes approved 7-11-23



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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting May 23, 2023

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

Members present were Mike Surprenant, Pam Bale, Diane Randall, Norm Fullmer, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese and Darlene Sensor

Alternate members present. John Hines and Jenny VanDuinen

Approximately sixteen members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Baese introduced new member Darlene Sensor as the new representative for the County Board of Commissioners, replacing David Russo who will serve as the alternate.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Mike Surprenant to approve the minutes of the 1-24-23 regular meeting with the following correction. Minutes read introduction of Diane Sensor as new alternate representing the County Board of Commissioners. Minutes were corrected to read Darlene Sensor. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Pam Bale and supported by Mike Suprenant to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 5-23-2023 are \$5,514.28 in the checking account, \$475,332.65 in the money market account and \$409,975.24 in the CD account for a total of \$ 890,822.17.

Expenses year to date total \$40,385.00 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Keith Fisher with the Department of Natural Resources gave a presentation on the Houghton Lake Flats Project scheduled to begin in 2023. The project will begin with the area south of Yeager Road. Some water may be pumped out of the flats into Houghton Lake to accommodate the repairs needed. Concern about water levels and invasives were expressed and addressed.

RLS Report-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones reported that surveys on the lake will begin the week of May 29 and continue through June 8. Canals will be surveyed first as they are usually treated earlier than lake treatment.

Sediment testing for 2,4-D, triclopyr and Diquat will be conducted at six locations this season at a cost of \$13,500. \$15,000 is budgeted for this project in the current year's budget.

Jones gave an update on the Wild Rice project in Muddy Bay. Germinations rates dropped significantly in the second year as seed was not available for a second planting. Consideration of planting in the Middle Ground or North Bay will be discussed at future meetings.

Bre Grabill with PLM presented to the board a proposal using PROCellaCOR on a 100-acre area at a cost of \$112,500. PORCellaCOR offers a three-year guarantee on resurgence of milfoil. The project is contingent upon locating an isolated 100-acre area.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to authorize \$25,000 for canal treatment that may be required before the next regular meeting of the HLIB. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Supremeant, Pam Bale, Diane Randall, Jim Mikolaizik, Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Darlene Sensor gave an update on the County Special Assessment District for dam repairs. District boundaries have been set but assessment amount has not been determined.

Jim Mikolaizik reported that he will again be participating in the MICorps volunteer program this season conducting water sampling in the North Bay.

Mike Surprenant updated the board on the Clean Boats Clean Waters grant received by the HLIB. He presented the requirements to complete the grant and receive the funding.

Updates:

The HLIB website received 3990 visits in 2022 with most being new visits.

The three CD3 boat cleaning stations will all be at their respective DNR launch site by the Memorial Day holiday.

Results from the DNR fish study were received on May 3, 2023, and posted to the HLIB website on May 19, 2023. Additional reports are expected.

Open Meetings Act training is available on May 31, 6-8 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gladwin.

There are no changes to report in the Tax Tribunal case.

The Roscommon County Phosphorus Ordinance of 2008 has been posted to the HLIB website.

HLIB electronic files have been placed in a secure location at the Roscommon Township Hall.

Public comment was heard from Don Lambie, Pat Inman, Craig Cotterman, John Hines, and Mike Smolka.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Lynn Baese to adjourn at 8:48 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Norm Fullmer

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
July 11, 2023
Denton Township Hall