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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
January 24, 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 for David Russo who was absent.

Alternate members present. Howard Hatherly and John Hines.

Six members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Baese introduced new member Diane Randall and new alternate John Hines representing Roscommon Township. New Drian Commissioner Pam Bale and Diane Sensor, representing the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners and alternate for David Russo were introduced as well.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Mike Surprenant to approve the minutes of the 9-27-2022 regular meeting. 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 Mike Surprenant and supported by Pam Bale to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 1-24-2023 are \$4,783.25 in the checking account, \$209,600.34 in the money market account and \$409,975.24 in the CD account for a total of \$ 624,358.83. Expenses year to date total \$562,908.65 All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Diane Randall to accept the 2023 Spectrum proposal in the amount of \$10,800. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Surprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Darlene Sensor, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Lynn Baese to increase the budget for office supplies (account 719) by \$428 and reduce the budgeted amount by \$428 in printing and publishing (account 730). Members voting in favor of the motion, Jim Mikolaizik, Darlene Sensor, Lynn Baese, Mike Surprenant, Pam Bale, Diane Randall, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Mike Surprenant to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Members voting in favor of the motion, Jim Mikolaizik, Darlene Sensor, Pam Bale, Lynn Baese, Mike Surprenant, Diane Randall, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

Motion by Mike Surprenant and supported by Lynn Baese to purchase one CD3 boat cleaning system to be placed at the East DNR launch site. The amount shall not exceed \$45,000. The unit will be gifted to the DNR who will assume all future responsibilities and costs associated with this purchase. Members voting in favor of the motion, Jim Mikolaizik, Pam Bale, Darlene Sensor, Diane Randall, Lynn. Baese, Mike Surprenant, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

RLS Report-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones reported that 881 acres, less than 5% of the total lake surface was treated in 2022.

Phosphorus and chlorophyll were down and water clarity was improved in part due to the dry summer which reduced nutrient rich run off.

Rice germination fell from 98% to 14% in Muddy Bay. No rice was replanted in 2022 due to the unavailability of seed.

Eurasian watermilfoil had increased in the Chippewa canal system in 2022. Sediment testing and a Phoslock treatment may be options for 2023.

McKinley canals were better last year. They were treated with Phoslock in 2021.

The following items were discussed:

Mike Surprenant submitted a Clean Boats-Clean Waters grant request for signage at the three DNR launch sites on the lake

Norm Fullmer reported that the fish samples taken by the DNR and received by the Michigan Department of Health for analysis are still in process.

Tax Tribunal case still pending.

Jim Mikolaizik reported no success finding a grant writer for the HLIB.

The proposed Houghton Lake Flats Project was discussed.

There was no public comment regarding agenda items or any other matter.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Darlene Sensor to adjourn a 8:48 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Norm Fullmer

Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
May 23, 2023
Markey Township Hall