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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting May 25, 2021

Call to Order by Denton alternate Lynn Baese at 7:00 pm

Members present were David Russo, Jack McCauley, Rex Wolfson, Matt Peterson, Norm Fullmer and Jim Mikolaizik. James Deamud was absent.

Alternates present were Lynn Baese.

Motion by Mr. Mikolaizik and supported by Mr. McCauley to approve the minutes of the 3-23-21 regular meeting. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfson to approve the agenda as presented. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. McCauley to accept the following treasurers report. Account balances as of 5-25-21 were \$9,157.48 in the checking account, \$674,458.46 in the money market account and \$409,746.89 in the DC account for a total of \$1,093,362.83. Expenses year to date total \$18,442.00. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Correspondence from Brett Jobin was presented to the board along with Chairman Deamuds response.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfson to approve a proposal from Spectrum for the HLIB Awareness Campaign in the amount of \$7069.56 for 6,147 airings on 24 networks. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Russo, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Fullmer. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to purchase and “Gift” to the DNR two CD3 Wayside boat cleaning units to be placed at the west

and south DNR launch sites at a cost not to exceed \$72,000. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Russo, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Motion carries unanimously.

RLS Report-Dr. Jennifer Jones reported that she and Dr. Scott Herron inspected the area of wild rice that was planted last fall on May 17, 2021. She reported that of the eighty sites surveyed 98.8% had germination and growth. Rice plants ranged in height from six to sixteen inches.

Abundant growth EWM was reported in the Middle Grounds covering approximately 500 acres. Mike Solomon representing RLS presented options to the board for treatment. He recommended a treatment combining ProcellaCOR and Diquat at a cost of \$300,000.

Dr. Jones advised the board that the southwest area of the lake where 638 points were sampled EWM was either a single stem or in small amounts. Significant treatment of this area was not recommended at this time but should be monitored throughout the season.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to treat 500 acres in the “Middle Grounds” with a combination of ProcellaCOR and Diquat at a cost not to exceed \$300,000. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Russo, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen, and Mr. Fullmer. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Fullmer for two treatments of the McKinley canal system with PhosLok at a cost of \$12,500. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Russo, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 8:52 pm. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next Schedule Regular Meeting
July 27, 2021, 7pm
Roscommon Township

Respectfully submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer