Approved 7-9-26

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Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2026

Call to Order by Chair Diane Randall at 7:00 pm.

The members present were Lynn Baese, Diane Randall, Mike Surprenant, Darlene Sensor, Jim Mikolaizik and Norm Fullmer.

Rebecca Ragen was absent.

Eight members of the public were present as well as one alternate member.

Public comment was heard by Don Maurer

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Mike Surprenant to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Darlene Sensor and supported by Lynn Baese to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Mike Suprenant to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 6-11-26 were $10,084.56 in the checking account, $586,973.06 in the money market account and $748,376.25 in the Michigan Class account for a total of $1,345,433.87. Expenses year to date total $25,272.62 All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

RLS Report- Mike Soloman reported the surveys of the canals and a large area of the main body have been completed. Milfoil has made a resurgence in some areas of the lake including the Middle Grounds. Milfoil was also found on the north side of East Bay, an area not usually infested.

PLM representative Bre Grabill reported the canals will be treated for algae with EutroSorbG on June 17 or June 18 pending favorable weather conditions. She also presented a treatment plan for invasives in the canal systems and an area in the SW basin and the north side of East Bay. Preferred date would be June 23-24 again contingent on weather conditions. A meeting with EGLE and other interested parties to survey the Middle Grounds prior to the issuance of a treatment permit. Tentative date is scheduled

for the week of June 22, 2026. Should a permit be granted for the Middle Grounds, treatment is scheduled for July 8-9. The North Bay would be treated at the same time.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported Mike Suprenant to pay PLM $1000 for posting of the EutroSorbG canal treatment. Although the treatment has no restrictions and extensive posting is not required the board felt it would be in our best interest to do the full posting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Diane Randall and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve treatment of the canals for invasive species at a cost of $23,000 with the treatment to take place June 23-24, 2026. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve treatment in the SW basin at a cost of $138,100 and treatment of the north side of East Bay at a cost of $94,334 bringing the total to $232,515 with treatment date of June 23-24. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

The board reviewed a request from Richard and Constance Buss regarding a change in status of their property on the HLIB roll. The Buss's were seeking a change to residential, however the property is zoned commercial. After discussion, no action was taken on this request.

Lynn Baese and Norm Fullmer provided feedback regarding the Business Expo and the Michigan Lakes & Streams conference.

Public comments were heard from Craig Cotterman, Dave Bisbe, Pat Inman, and John Hines.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting
July 9, 2026
Roscommon Township Hall

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer