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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes September 22, 2015

Meeting called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Fullmer at 7:00 pm. Mr. Fullmer led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call, members present, Keith Stiles, David Russo, Jack McCauley, Brett Yardley, Larry Cavanagh and Norm Fullmer. Members absent, James Deamud. Alternate present, Robyn Daniels, Chip McCullough, Howard Hatherly, Dick Pastula and Norm Goddard sitting in for James Deamud. Alternates absent, Gary Stefanko.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Stiles to approve the minutes of 8-25-15. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Yardley and supported by Mr. Goddard to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Treasures Report- Chemical Bank checking account has a balance of \$10,321.49 and the Money Market account has a balance of \$821,618.61 with both accounts matching Quick Books accounts. Total expenditures year to day total \$80,358.98.

Motion by Mr. Yardley and supported by Mr. Russo to pay invoice 149219 from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. in the amount of \$307,500 dated 9-8-15 for lake treatment. Members vote yea, Mr. Russo, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Yardley, Mr. McCauley, Mr. Cavanagh and Mr. Fullmer. Members voting nay, Mr. Stiles. Motion Carries.

Audit Review-Fund balance as of 3-31-15 was \$912,222 with a change in net position of \$78,612 to the positive. Excess line items in the amount of \$187 were addressed at the August 25, 2015 meeting. Audit pointed out that deposits in excess of 250k may not be insured. Mr. Fullmer has contacted Chemical Bank and will follow up to clarify.

HLLA Report-Howard Hatherly distrusted information reviewing parts of the annual report for the past three years. He also suggested that two more meetings be added to the 2016 schedule. Plans, goals, objectives and prevention of new AIS as well as boat washes were discussed.

MRWA-Julie Chamberlin addressed the board and audience regarding the activities associated with the boat wash project sponsored in part by the HLIB. A number of questions were asked regarding the project. MRWA will be looking for a new coordinator for next year's project.

RCRC Meeting 8-27-15 Jack McCauley attended this meeting and reported that the road commission was seeking funds from the four townships as a step toward securing a permit from the DNR for weed clean up if required in the spring.

DNR/DEQ visit-Rich O'Neal and Eric Bacon visited Houghton Lane on 9-2-16. A field inspection report authored by Mr. O'Neal was emailed to board members and alternates.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Goddard setting the HLIB Special Assessment rate at \$100 per unit and \$50 per half unit for the 2015-2016 FY. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Yardley appointing the Roscommon Township Assessing Department as the HLIB's Special Assessment Coordinator for the 2015-2016 FY at a rate of twenty dollars per hour effective 9-22-15. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. McCauley and supported by Mr. Stiles to set meeting dates for 2016 as follows:

January 26	TBD (Markey) (Work session)
March 15	Markey
May 31	Denton
August 23	Roscommon
September 20	Lake

All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Progressive|ae report-Tony Groves reviewed the information that appears on the HLIB website for those wishing to research an issue. He also attempted to clarify and justify the increase in dosage rates as they pertain to hybrid milfoil. Mr. Groves also discussed the GVSU study of hybrid milfoil. An article by Scott Brown regarding starry stonewort was presented and discussed. A sample of starry stonewort was presented for inspection. Discussion of possible treatment options followed. Mr. Groves suggested collaborating with a university in an effort to control starry stonewort. Boat washes and future cooperation with the DNR was discussed.

Lake Township report-Keith Stiles presented a paper offering comments and ideas as well as some concerns. A copy was provided to all members and alternates.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Goddard to adjourn at 8:58 pm. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary/Treasurer