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Houghton Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Meeting  
September 30, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chairman Deamud at 7:03 pm. Chairman Deamud led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call. Members present Tom Rose, David Russo, Jim Deamud, Jack McCauley, Sheridan Cole and Norm Fullmer. Members absent. Brett Yardley. Alternates present. Norm Goddard, Dick Pastula, Howard Hatherly, Chip McCullough and Keith Stiles. Alternates absent. Lowell Souder.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2014 regular meeting. There being no additions or corrections all members present voting yea the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr. Cole to approve the agenda with the addition of Keith Stiles to the agenda after the Progressive|AE presentation. With no further additions all members present voting yea the motion carries.

**Chairman's Report**-Nothing to report this month from the Chairman.

**Treasurer's Report**-Mr. Fullmer provided a screen print showing Northwestern account balances. The Money Market account shows a balance of \$313,040.32 and the checking account has a balance of \$41,012.45 with one outstanding check to BS&A software for \$732.00. Total expenses YTD are \$434,988.24 with income of \$57,064.38. Five checks were presented for approval totaling \$15,347.00. All bank accounts balance with the HLIB QuickBooks accounts.

**Motion** by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr. Russo to approve the five expenditures presented (checks 1551 thru 1555). All members present voting yea the motion carries.

**Progressive|AE Report-**Tony Groves gave a power point presentation outlining the treatment history of non-native vegetation in Houghton Lake. He stated that approximately 1000 acres or 5% of the lake was treated in 2014. Ninety percent of the samples taken from Houghton Lake this year by Grand Valley State University have been found to be some variety of hybrid milfoil. GVSU's study is expected to be complete by the spring of 2015. Mr. Groves stated that the 2-4-D treatment at 160 pounds per acre appeared to be effective in treating existing milfoil. Whole lake fluridone treatment that was discussed briefly in the fall of 2013 is no longer considered to be an option in the foreseeable future. 2015 plans include more emphasis on the canals and Starry Stonewort. Mr. Groves presented a professional service agreement dated 9-30-2014. No action was taken on the matter.

**Public Comment-**Keith Stiles and Mary Michela each made statements concerning competitive bidding for lake management services.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Pastula to allow the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly to retain the unused funds from the boat wash project over the winter. All members present voting yea the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Cole and supported by Mr. McCauley to approve the 2015 regular meeting schedule as presented. All members present voting yea the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 8:57 pm. All members present voting yea the motion carries. Date of next regular meeting of the HLIB is March 17, 2015 at 7 pm in the Markey Township Hall.

Respectfully Submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary/Treasurer