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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Minutes Special Meeting July 22, 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, Brett Yardley and Norm Fullmer. Absent, Sheridan Cole. Vacant, Riparian Member. Alternates present, Dick Pastula, Norm Goddard, Howard Hatherly, Keith Stiles and Lowell Souder. Absent, Chip McCullough.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Rose to approve minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting. Chairman Deamud asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes presented. There being none all present voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr. Fullmer to approve the agenda as presented. With no additions or corrections to the agenda all present voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Chairman's report. Chairman Deamud indicated to the audience that the purpose of the Special Meeting of the HLIB would be to elect a Riparian Representative, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Chairman of the Board. Chairman Deamud stated that the financial program had been successfully installed on his computer. He also stated that he had received an email regarding payment for the GVSU study of hybrid milfoil study. He said he would be happy to pay the invoice if they would tell him where to send the payment. Tony Groves from Progressive/AE stated he would provide the required information from GVSU for payment of this invoice. Chairman Deamud gave a brief financial update stating there was approximately \$738,000 in the savings account and \$70,000 in the checking account.

The following four citizens submitted letters of interest for the position of Riparian member. Craig Cotterman, Denton Township Supervisor, Jim Debo, Denton Township, Jack McCauley, Markey Township and Harold Williams, Lake Township. Mr. Cotterman, Mr. McCauley and Mr. Debo were each given the opportunity to address the board regarding their qualifications and vision for the position of Riparian member. Mr. Williams did not attend the meeting. A discussion of candidates by the board followed the interviews.

Motion by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr. Russo to elect Jack McCauley as the Riparian member of the HLIB. With all members present voting in the affirmative, Mr. McCauley took his seat as the Riparian member.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Rose to nominate Mr. Deamud as Chairman of the HLIB. Yeas. Mr. Rose, Mr. Russo, Mr. Yardley, Mr. Fullmer and Mr. McCauley.

Abstain. Mr. Deamud.

After discussion regarding the Secretary/Treasurer positions, Mr. Fullmer stated that he would be willing to perform both duties if there was not another candidate for either position.

Motion by Mr. Yardley and supported by Mr. Rose to combine the office of Secretary and Treasurer. Yeas. Mr. Rose, Mr. Russo, Mr. Deamud, Mr. Yardley and Mr. McCauley. Abstain. Mr. Fullmer.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Yardley to elect Mr. Fullmer to the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the HLIB. Yeas. Mr. Rose, Mr. Russo, Mr. Deamud, Mr. Yardley and Mr. McCauley. Abstain. Mr. Fullmer.

Public comment:

Keith Stiles, President of the Houghton Lake Lake Association presented a letter to the board members inviting them to a meeting of the HLLA on August 13, 2014 6pm at the Houghton Lake Community Center. Among items to be discussed are the findings of a survey conducted by Restorative Lake Sciences.

Dorothy Sunman addressed the board stating she felt the board missed an opportunity by not electing Craig Cotterman to the board as he has a wealth of knowledge about Houghton Lake.

Tony Groves distributed the final lake treatment map to the board as well as a publication about hybrid milfoil. He further stated that there was approximately one acre of Starry Stonewort at the DNR launch site on the southwest shore of Houghton Lake. PLM is to treat this area at no charge. Mr. Russo advised Mr. Groves that he had received a call regarding the canal paralleling Channel Court. Mr. Groves said he would follow up and that if treatment was required there would be a charge for that treatment. Mr. Groves stated that the 2014 lake treatment was about \$200,000 less than 2013 due to the reduced number of acres treated. Mr. Groves presented to the board two invoices from Progressive/AE. One for \$409,014.98 for lake treatment and another for \$11,500 for services through September.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Rose to pay the two invoices presented by Progressive/AE. Yeas. Mr. Rose, Mr. Russo, Mr. Deamud, Mr. Fullmer, Mr. Yardley and Mr. McCauley.

Motion by Mr. Rose and supported by Mr. Russo to adjourn at 8:06 pm. All voting in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary/Treasurer

