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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2025**

Call to Order by Vice-Chair Darlene Sensor at 7:00 pm.

The members were Lynn Baese, Darlene Sensor, Mike Surprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Chase Schepke, and Norm Fullmer.

Diane Randall was absent.

Five members of the public were present.

Motion by Jim Mikolaizik and supported by Lynn Baese to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Mike Surprenant and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to approve the agenda with the following change. Move budget adjustments to after Business Expo. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 2-13-25 were \$11,176.87 in the checking account, \$438,440.71 in the money market account and \$423,234.13 and \$261,769.41 in the CD accounts for a total of \$1,134,621.12. Expenses year to date total \$264,025.12. All members present voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Members voting to approve the proposed budget were Mike Surprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Chase Schepke, Darlene Sensor, Lynn Baese, and Norm Fullmer. Motion carried.

Motion by Norm Fullmer and supported by Mike Surprenant to move two CDs at maturity (March 2 and March 24, 2025) to Michigan Class Investments. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Surprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Darlene Sensor, Chase Schepke, Lynn Baese, and Norm Fullmer. Motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Mike Surprenant to appropriate \$3,000 to support the HLIB's participation in the Houghton Lake Chambers Business Expo scheduled for April 23, 2025. See budget adjustments. All members voting in affirmative the motion carried.

Motion by Lynn Baese and supported by Jim Mikolaizik to adjust the following budget line items:

Increase line item "Marketing" by \$3,000 bringing the total to \$3,000 and reducing the line item "Sediment Testing" by \$3,000 bringing the total to \$10,000.

Increase line item for "Printing & Publishing" (account 723) by \$1,000 bringing the total to \$2,000 and reducing the line item "Legal Fees" (account 713) by \$1,000 for a total of \$4,000.

Increase line item for "Boat wash support" by \$120 bringing the total to \$120 and reducing the line item "TV/ Radio campaign" by \$120 for a total to \$11,880.

Members voting in favor of the motion were Mike Surprenant, Jim Mikolaizik, Chase Schepke, Darlene Sensor, Lynn Baese, and Norm Fullmer. The motion carried.

MLSA annual conference April 25-26 in Muskegon.

RLS Report-Dr Jones reviewed the Annual Report with the board members and responded to questions. Condition of the lake reported as good with the addition of four new native plant species. Middle Grounds rice bed continues to expand although not all areas reporting as dense.

Public comments were heard from Dave Bissbe, Craig Cotterman.

Motion by Mike Surprenant and supported by Lynn Baese to adjourn at 8:06 pm. All members voting in the affirmative motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting
April 17, 2025
Markey Township Hall