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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board
Regular Meeting
July 27, 2021**

Call to Order by Denton alternate Lynn Baese at 7:05 pm

Members present were David Russo, Jack McCauley, Rex Wolfsen, Matt Peterson, Norm Fullmer and Jim Mikolaizik. James Deamud was absent.

Alternates present were Lynn Baese.

Motion by Mr. Mikolaizik and supported by Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of the 5-25-2021 regular meeting. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. McCauley to approve the agenda as presented. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Russo to accept the following treasurers report. Account balances as of 7-27-2021 were \$23,399.71 in the checking account, \$304,510.53 in the money market account and \$409,746.89 in the CD account for a total of \$737,657.13. Expenses year to date total \$374,199.77. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Mr. Fullmer distributed a copy of the most recent audit dated March 31, 2021, to all board members and provided a copy for public review.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to approve a budget adjustment of \$51,110 to the Boat Wash account increasing the total for the account to \$71,110. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. McCauley, Mr. Russo, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carries.

Josh Pellow, Roscommon District Supervisor with the DNR provided the board with a usage report for the two CD3 boat cleaning systems installed at the South and West DNR launch sites.

RLS Report-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones reported that the rice planted in Muddy Bay last fall was emerging nicely. Dr. Scott Herron and Dr. Jones will be on the lake the third week of August to evaluate the rice area.

Dr. Jones suggested a couple of options regarding the rice restoration project. One was to reseed the original 50 acres in the Muddy Bay area again or expand the area this fall. Another option was to seed another area in the Middle Grounds where there is a small area well established.

Three areas of the lake were identified as potential sites for rice restoration. They are Muddy Bay, North Bay, and the Middle Grounds. All three area have thick dark sediment conducive to rice propagation.

Water quality sampling will be scheduled for early September.

Some concern was expressed regarding the re-establishment of rice and property values. Dr, Jones she would research the issue and report to the board at the September meeting.

Senior hydrologist Mike Solomon reported that \$254,412.50 has been spent on various lake treatments including using Phoslock in the canals. Five hundred acres in the Middle Grounds was treated with a combination of Renovate and Diquat.

Beebe and Porath canals were harvested and treated. Dr. Jones noted the lack of buffer strips on canal properties. Buffer strips are a useful tool to prevent excess nutrients from entering canal waters.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to increase the Rice Restoration account by \$10,000 bringing the total to \$20,000 for FY 2021-2022. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. McCauley, Mr. Russo, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Fullmer. The motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. McCauley to adjourn at 8:23 pm. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next Schedule Regular Meeting
September 28, 2021, 7pm
Lake Township

Respectfully submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer