

Meeting Minutes
Tri-Lakes Improvement Board Meeting
Morton Township Hall
April 21, 2025, 3:00pm

1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order by Dave Lewis, Chair at 3:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call. Members present: Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Randy Walsdorf, and Karla Miller. Member absent: Chris Zimmerman

Others Present: Rick Buteyn and Luke Aaron, Progressive Companies and Martha Boetcher and Yo Bellingar, property owners

4. Approval of Agenda. K. Miller moved with support from S. Brogan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes, March 31, 2025. S. Brogan moved with support from R. Walsdorf to approve the minutes from March 31, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report. Sandy Brogan, Treasurer, presented the report showing a balance of total checking account balance and CD balance of \$164,389.07. K. Miller moved with support from R. Walsdorf to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

7. Progressive Report. Rick Buteyn provided a summary of the treatment program for 2024-2025. He discussed the treatments for starry stonewort and purple loosestrife in 2024. The treatments were under budget for 2024. Luke Aaron will do the lake inspections on May 21, 2025, June 23, 2025, July 22, 2025, and August 26, 2025. Reports to follow each inspection.

Rick recently added fact sheets on numerous topics to the Tri-Lakes website for general knowledge.

8. Old Business. Loosestrife drone treatment for properties on the west side of West Blue Lake Drive was discussed. The best course of action is to have a survey done of the area to come up with a treatment map and a cost estimate of the acres to treat. S. Brogan moved with support from R. Walsdorf to approve Progressive to perform a survey of the area, create a treatment map and perform a post survey for a cost of \$1,500. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously.

Guidebook for Tri Lakes. Discussed the possibility and the costs of creating numerous hard copies of these books. It was determined to leave a copy on the website at this time and not create hard copies.

Lake carrying capacity study. Sandy Brogan provided a list of the pros and cons of such a study. A discussion was held on the need and the costs for this study. No further action was taken.

9. New Business. Payments to Progressive. Sandy Brogan stated that the third quarter billing of \$3,000 for the lake management program and \$375 for website administration will be due in July. R. Walsdorf moved with support from K. Miller to approve of Progressive bills totaling \$3,375. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously.

10. Public Comment. Karla Miller, Drain Commissioner, stated that a special assessment for operation/maintenance of the dam is necessary this year. The amount of the assessment is to be approximately \$3,000. This will be placed on the winter tax bill.

Randy Walsdorf was asked about the two gauges near the dam and how accurate they were. Karla and Dave explained that both are accurate, they just use different numerical displays.

11. Date of next board meeting (in person). July 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Morton Township Hall in Mecosta.

11. Adjourn. The chair adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Miller".

Secretary for the Tri-Lakes Improvement Board
Mecosta County Drain Commissioner