

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tri-Lakes Improvement Board Meeting**  
**Morton Township Hall, 290 W. Main Street, Mecosta, MI**  
**September 9, 2024, 3:00pm.**

- 1. Call to Order.** Meeting called to order by Dave Lewis, Chair at 3:05 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Roll Call.** Members present: Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Linda Howard, Randy Walsdorf and Karla Miller.
- 4. Approval of Agenda.** S. Brogan moved with support from D. Lewis to approve the agenda with the addition of the topic of Lake Carrying Capacity Study. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes, September 27, 2023.** S. Brogan moved with support from K. Miller to approve the minutes from September 27, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.
- 6. Treasurer's Report.** Sandy Brogan, Treasurer, presented the report. R. Walsdorf moved with support from L. Howard to accept the Treasurer's Report, with a total checking account balance and CD balance of \$132,859.07. Motion carried.

Sandy Brogan summarized the upcoming expenses as follows:  
Progressive AE two quarterly billings for total of \$7,500.00  
Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) up to \$700.00  
EGLE permits though PLM up to \$3,000.00.

R. Walsdorf moved with support from L. Howard to approve payment of these bills not to exceed \$11,200.00. Motion carried.

- 7. Progressive A&E Report.** Sandy Brogan read an email summary from Rick Buteyn of Progressive AE regarding the treatment program for 2024. His report detailed the treatments for milfoil and purple loosestrife.

A discussion was held for a possible future drone treatment for purple loosestrife on the Gilbert Creek area north of the Tri-Lakes.

- 8. Adjustments to Assessment Roll.** Sandy Brogan reported no changes to be made to the 2024 Tri-Lakes Lake Improvement Board Special Assessments.

A discussion of the balance in the bank account and the amount to assess the property owners was held. The Board agreed that the 2024 assessment should be reduced to allow for a spend down of the funds held in the bank account. L. Howard moved with support from R. Walsdorf to reduce the 2024 special assessment by 50% from \$90,388.40 to \$45,194.20. Motion carried.

- 9. Old Business.** Surplus fund investment. Sandy Brogan presented Investment Guidelines. L. Howard moved with the support of S. Brogan to adopt the Investment Guidelines as presented. Motion carried.

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). The Board will continue to participate in the program and pay the necessary fees.

**10. New Business.** Lake Carrying Capacity Study. A discussion was had over the need for such a study. The Board will discuss the possibility of Progressive AE conducting this study.


**11. Public Comment.** Randy Walsdorf discussed the increase of zebra mussels this year. He would like to discuss the possibility of treatments to reduce the population.

Linda Howard attended a recent lakes history meeting for the area. A local group may be reaching out to the Board for historical information about the Tri-Lakes.

Linda Howard stated that this will be her last meeting as a board member. She stated that she has enjoyed serving as a board member over the years. The Board expressed gratitude for her years of service.

**12. Adjourn.** The chair adjourned the meeting at 4:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

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