

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tri-Lakes Improvement Board Meeting**  
**Morton Township Library, 110 S. James Street, Mecosta, MI**  
**September 27, 2023, 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. Others Present: Rick Buteyn, Progressive AE.
- 4. Approval of Agenda.** *S. Brogan moved with support from K. Miller to approve the agenda with the addition of the topics of Financial Review and Aqua Real Time Algae Tracker. Motion carried.*
- 5. Approval of Minutes, May 10, 2023.** *S. Brogan moved with support from R. Walsdorf to approve the minutes from May 10, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.*
- 6. Treasurer's Report.** Sandy Brogan, Treasurer, presented the report. *R. Walsdorf moved with support from K. Miller to accept the Treasurer's Report, with a checking account balance of \$38,721.29 and a CD balance of \$60,000. Motion carried.*

Sandy Brogan summarized the upcoming expenses as follows:  
Progressive AE quarterly billing of \$3,000.00  
Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) up to \$600.00  
EGLE permits up to \$3,000.00.

*K. Miller moved with support from D. Lewis to approve payment of these bills not to exceed \$6,600.00. Motion carried.*

- 7. Progressive A&E Report.** Rick Buteyn provided a summary of the treatment program for 2023. He detailed the treatments for milfoil and purple loosestrife. He will add information to the Tri-Lakes website for the newly added boat wash.
- 8. Adjustments to Assessment Roll.** Sandy Brogan proposed the following modifications to the 2023 Tri-Lakes Lake Improvement Board Special Assessments:

Additions:      11-077-032-100 back lot w/o access; \$44.50  
                         11-053-159-001 back lot w/ access; \$89.00  
                         11-053-160-000 back lot w/ access; \$89.00

Deletions:      11-053-159-000 back lot w/access; \$89.00  
                         11-077-032-000 back lot w/o access; contiguous; \$0.00  
                         11-077-033-000 back lot w/o access \$44.50

Total modification to assessment for an increase of \$89.00 from \$90,299.40 to \$90,388.40 and an increase from 664 parcels to 665 parcels for 2023. *L. Howard moved with support from S. Brogan to approve the proposed modification to the 2023 special assessment roll. Motion carried.*

A discussion of the balance in the bank account and the amount to assess the property owners was held. The Board agreed that the 2023 assessment should be

reduced to allow for a spend down of the funds held in the bank account. S. Brogan moved with support from D. Lewis to reduce the 2023 special assessment by 25% from \$90,388.40 to \$67,791.30. Motion carried.

**9. Old Business.** Surplus fund investment policy. An investment policy will be written by the Treasurer and presented at the next meeting.

**10. New Business.** Annual notification of treatments. Progressive AE will review the procedure to determine if any change in practice is needed.

CLMP enrollment 2024. The Board will continue to participate in the program and pay the necessary fees.

Dam monitoring. Dave Lewis will continue to monitor the dam with the help of another person as needed.

Financial review. A discussion was held regarding any future financial monitoring. No action proposed at this time.

Aqua Real Time Algae Tracker. A discussion was held regarding the use of this device on the Tri-Lakes. This device will not be utilized at this time.

**11. Public Comment.** Randy Walsdorf discussed the EGLE permitting process for small dredging projects.

**12. Adjourn.** The chair adjourned the meeting at 4:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



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