

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Morton Township Hall, 290 W. Main Street, Mecosta, MI**  
**November 28, 2022, 3:00p.m.**

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Dave Lewis at 3:03p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Lake Board Members Present:** Dave Lewis, Randy Walsdorf, Sandy Brogan, Linda Howard, and Karla Miller.

Others Present: Rick Buteyn, Progressive AE and Myle Turpen and Darla Strait, property owners.

Bidders: Pete Filpansick, Clarke Aquatic Services, BreAnne Grabill, PLM Lake and Land Management, and Steve Zulinski, Michigan Lakefront Solutions

4. **Approval of Agenda.** L. Howard moved with support from K. Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes, August 11, 2022.** L. Howard moved with support from R. Walsdorf to approve the minutes from August 11, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried.
6. **Election of officers:**  
Motion by R. Walsdorf with support from S. Brogan to elect Dave Lewis as Chair. Motion carried.  
Motion by S. Brogan with support from L. Howard to elect Sandy Brogan as Treasurer. Motion carried.  
Motion by S. Brogan with support from L. Howard to elect Karla Miller as Secretary. Motion carried.
7. **Treasurer's Report.** Sandy Brogan, Treasurer, presented the report. L. Howard moved with support from K. Miller to accept the Treasurer's Report, with a bank balance of \$71,684.94. Motion carried.
8. **Lake Management Consulting Contract.** Board held a discussion concerning the proposed 5-year contract with Progressive AE to consult on lake management. S. Brogan moved with the support from L. Howard to approve and have Chair sign the contract with Progressive AE. Motion carried and contract signed.
9. **Aquatic Herbicide Application Contract.** Rick Buteyn of Progressive AE presented the Board with three bids from Aquatic Plant Control Vendors. The bids were as follows:
  - Clarke Aquatic Services                      \$61,325
  - PLM Lake and Land Management              \$73,375
  - Michigan Lakefront Solutions                \$74,695The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding the bid preference. PLM offered to price match the low bids and presented those numbers to the board. After viewing the numbers and further discussion, the board decided to not accept adjustments in prices as the bid specifications do not allow for it. Michigan Lakefront Solutions withdrew their bid during the discussion. R. Walsdorf moved with support from S. Brogan to accept the PLM Lake and Land Management bid of \$73,375. Roll call vote: 3 Yeas (Brogan, Lewis, Walsdorf) and 2 Nays (Miller, Howard). Motion carried. Contract awarded to PLM.
10. **CLMP Enrollment 2023.** The Board discussed the need to participate in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) in 2023. S. Brogan moved with the support of L. Howard to approve the payment of water quality testing fees of \$173 per lake for a total of \$519.00 in year 2023. Motion carried.

- 11. Website Discussion.** The Board addressed the need for creating a website for the Improvement Board. L. Howard moved with support from R. Walsdorf to allocate funds in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of a web domain and the associated expenses to run the website for one year. Motion carried.
- 12. Public Comment.** Darla Strait asked what could be done to prevent the erosion on the Island on Blue Lake by the Lake Improvement Board. The Board explained that the property is owned by the State of Michigan and the Improvement Board has no jurisdiction to make any changes to the property or prevent access to the property.
- 13. Adjourn.** S. Brogan moved with support from R. Walsdorf to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Karla Miller*

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