

**DUCK LAKE**  
**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

A meeting of the Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Crystal Community Center, 217 West Park Street, Crystal, Michigan on the 9th day of January 2023.

**PRESENT:** Shirley Pyle, Member  
Crystal Township Representative

David Wight, Secretary & Treasurer  
Abutting Property Owners Representative

Chris Johnston, Vice Chairman  
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

Phillip Foster, Member  
Crystal Township Representative

Todd Sattler,  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Vice Chairman Chris Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Todd moved to approve the agenda, seconded by David.  
All members present voted aye, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Phillip moved to approve the minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup> DLIB meeting, seconded by Shirley.  
All members present voted aye, motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT**

David noted that we have a balance of \$52,017.86 in our account, and we will receive the annual assessment of \$20,000, which will give us \$72,017.86 by early summer.  
Motioned by Shirley to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Todd.  
All members present voted aye, motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public was given an opportunity to address the board. Observations were voiced about last years treatment program, requests for earlier treatment of algae blooms, possible treatments at the inlet to avoid incoming materials that help create algae blooms, and the low level of harvesting debris after last years weed harvest.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

David noted that we have received an email from an individual that has requested to be considered for membership on the Duck Lake Board.

### APPOINTMENT OF ABUTTING PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE

David has submitted his resignation from the board effective January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and before appointing his replacement it is necessary to officially accept his resignation.

Shirley motioned to accept David's resignation, seconded by Phillip.

All members present with David Abstaining voted aye, motion carried.

It was noted that the individual that had submitted an email requesting to be considered for appointment to the board was Anna O'Rourke who owns abutting property on the lake. No other individuals having submitted a request, and no members of the audience requesting to be considered Shirley moved to appoint Anna O'Rourke to the Duck Lake Board as the Abutting Property Owner Representative effective January 15th, seconded by Phillip.

All members present voted aye, motion carried.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

David motioned to appoint Chris as Vice-Chair, seconded by Phillip.

All present voted Aye with Chris abstaining, motion carried.

Phillip motioned to appoint Anna O'Rourke as Treasurer effective January 15th, seconded by Todd.

All present voted Aye, motion carried.

David motioned to appoint Shirley as Chairman, seconded by Todd.

All present voted Aye with Shirley abstaining, motion carried.

Todd motioned to appoint Phillip as Secretary, seconded by David.

All present voted Aye with Phillip abstaining, motion carried.

2023 Officers are:

Chairman: Shirley Pyle

Vice-Chair: Chris Johnston

Secretary: Phillip Foster

Treasurer: Anna O'Rourke

### SET MEETING SCHEDULE DATES FOR 2023

David presented the proposed dates for 2023 meetings as:

January 9<sup>th</sup>

April 10<sup>th</sup>

July 10<sup>th</sup>

October 9<sup>th</sup>

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

David motioned to approve the meeting dates as presented with the meetings to be held at 7pm in the Crystal Community Center, seconded by Shirley.

All present voted Aye, motion carried.

### WEED TREATMENT CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

After an extensive discussion of the pro's and con's of both S&R Environmental, and PLM Lake & Land Management Corp, Phillip motioned to authorize the chairman to sign a one year contract with

S&R Environmental Consulting for the Herbicide Treatment of weeds in Duck Lake for a not to exceed amount of \$35,000. Receiving no second the motion died.

Shirley motioned to authorize the chairman to sign a one year contract with PLM Lake & Land Management Corp for the Herbicide Treatment of weeds in Duck Lake for a not to exceed amount of \$35,000, motion seconded by Todd.

A roll call vote was taken: Shirley, Phillip and Todd voted Aye, Chris voted Nay, David abstained Motion carried.

#### WEED HARVESTING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

Shirley motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign a one year contract with PLM Lake & Land Management Corp for the harvesting of weeds in Duck Lake for a not to exceed amount of \$5,000, seconded by Todd.

All present voted Aye, motion carried.

#### LAKE MANAGEMENT WEED SURVEY/WATER QUALITY CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

Todd motioned to authorize the chairman to sign a one year contract with PLM Lake & Land Management Corp for an engineering assessment of Duck Lake which shall include weed surveys, and water quality measurements, seconded by Shirley.

All present voted Aye, motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The public was allowed time to address the Board.

#### ADJOURN

Todd motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David.

All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

State of Michigan    )  
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County of Montcalm )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Duck Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on October 10th, 2022 and that said minutes are on file at the Crystal Township Office and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the Crystal Township Office, which is the principal office of the Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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David Wight, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dated: October 10, 2022

