



INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
June 28, 2024

The June meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Friday, June 28, 2024, at the Fion Wine Room, Huntsville, Ohio. President Dustin Wickersham called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dustin Wickersham	President
Sharon DeVault	Treasurer
Glenn Ammons	Member
Brenda Crabtree	Member
Kay Daugherty	Member
Frank Giannola	Member
Tom Langhals	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Darlene Shick	Member
Gary Shick	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

Approval of Minutes

Frank Phelps moved to approve the May 15, 2024, minutes as mailed. Gary Shick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Glenn Ammons moved to approve the June 15, 2024, financial report as presented. Frank Giannola seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Gary Shick moved to approve the list of bills the month of June needing approval as presented. Kay Daugherty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

JUNE BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

General Operating

Logan SWCD – Rent May	\$	289.83
Logan SWCD – printer lease (new printer) May 18-June 18	\$	130.48
US Bank – Printer Lease Agreement – May (old printer)	\$	780.83
Community Storage – Storage Unit – May	\$	74.00
Elan Financial	\$	53.63
Office Supplies – QuickBooks-online	\$	32.18
Attentions Getters – Mailchimp	\$	21.45
Shopper’s Edge – 2024 Memorial Day Tab	\$	125.00
Bellefontaine Examiner – 2024 Memorial Day Insert	\$	174.50
Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce – Organizational Dues 2024	\$	75.00

Contract Services

Victoria Boots – 25.5 hrs @ \$30/hrs.

\$ 765.00

Board Meeting Prep, General administrative duties, Membership updates

President’s Report – President Dustin Wickersham informed board members that the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) article that was reported in the Bellefontaine Examiner by the Logan County Health Department was submitted before the waters had even been tested. The determination was made solely by satellite imagery. ODNR completed water testing after the publication of the article and determined the HAB sample was well within the “safe contact” range.

Next month Dr. Jennifer Jones, Restorative Lake Sciences, will be presenting an update on the current aquatic weed status at the lake and results from the shoreline erosion survey that was conducted this past spring.

There was not a complete way to notify the public of the June meeting cancellation. Dustin and Sharon went to the State Park to inform those who may have not seen the cancellation notice that the meeting had been cancelled. While there to let those folks know of the cancellation, Dustin had a good conversation with the anti-solar group members Aubrey Snapp, Bill Myers, and Kyle Knief who had planned to attend the meeting concerning solar panels. Lots of items were discussed by ultimately Dustin shared the Board has no intention of being involved for or against the proposed solar project. Dustin explained that ILWP has no regulatory authority over solar projects and does not have any oversight or jurisdiction regarding these projects. Aubrey later contacted Dustin asking if the Board would consider sending a letter to the Ohio Power Sighting Board stating ILWP does not support or oppose the project but suggest a bond be put up in case a part of the watershed is harmed during the construction of the project. The Board discussed the question and decided that we would not send a letter at this time. Dustin further shared with the anti-solar members that ILWP does not intend to have any presentations at our meetings from Open Road Renewables or Anti-Solar Group regarding the project.

Rachel Kubiak, ILDC President, has asked ILWP to move our board meetings to either an earlier time in the evening or to a different day. ILDC members have expressed their desire to move to an earlier meeting time due to the lateness of the evening meetings. It was decided that ILWP would be willing to move our meeting time to 5:00 P.M. on the same day as ILDC to accommodate those members who attend both meetings. The item will be discussed in more detail at the July ILWP board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nashville Hitmakers – To date a total of \$54,350.00 has been collected in total sponsorships for this year’s Hitmakers concert to be held August 17, 7:00 P.M. The corporate reception will be held Friday night, August 16th at the Fion Wine Room. The Pre-Show dinner on Saturday evening will also be held at the Fion Wine Room. More details to be presented at the July board meeting.

Dredge Planning Working Group – The surveying project that was done by EnviroScience has been completed and that data is on the web site. All data will be available on the web site immediately for data transparency. Over 400 points have been surveyed with more to do. Volunteers will be starting after the holidays. A waiver for the purpose of protection of the safety of ILWP and its volunteers has been drafted by the attorneys at Thompson, Dunlap & Heydinger.

Membership – After much discussion a motion was made by Kay Daugherty to fund an Indian Lake Fall Festival Popcorn giveaway project up to \$800.00. This project would include the purchasing of popcorn bags, ILWP stickers for bags, and popcorn to hand out at the upcoming State Park Fall Festival in September. Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dustin will be checking with State Park personnel regarding potential conflict with other vendors in addition to any Health Department regulations.

Monitoring – The state park will be doing the HAB monitoring for this monitoring season.

Legislative – By-Laws revision committee – Members of the By-Law Revision Committee will be notified of the upcoming meeting. Updates to be provided at the next ILWP board meeting.

Scholarship – The Nashville Hitmakers scholarship was delivered to the recipient, Emery Wagner. The scholarship was in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Other – The ILWP EcoHarvester is currently for sale. The machine is listed on a boaters' website. Board Member Tom Langhals has visited with potential buyers from a private lake in the Dayton area. More information to follow when it becomes available.

OLD BUSINESS

EnviroScience Proposal for AutoSamplers – ILWP Board President Dustin Wickersham and Monitoring Chairperson Sharon DeVault met with Daniel from EnviroScience to discuss the engineering plan being done. Frank Giannola made a motion to contract with EnviroScience in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the engineering plan proposed for the AutoSampler project for shoreline surveying. Tom Langhals seconded. Motion passed unanimously. President Dustin Wickersham will sign the document and return to EnviroScience.

Ross Simpson – BioChar Project – President Dustin Wickersham reported that the BioChar project proposed by Ross Simpson for the Blackhawk (VanHorn) area has been put on hold. The estimated cost of the project was estimated to be \$126,000.00 and does not fit into the current financial budget.

Grand Lake Improvement Association – Keith Estrick – Tornado Tree Replacement Project – Board President Dustin Wickersham reported that he has received a check from Lake Improvement Association at Grand Lake St. Marys for the Tornado Tree Replacement Project. The Lake Improvement Association graciously increased their donation from \$2500.00 to \$3500.00. After much discussion a motion was made by Frank Phelps and seconded by Steve Terrill that ILWP increase the its donation which was approved at the May board meeting from \$2500.00 to \$3500.00 to match that of the Lake Improvement Association's. Motion passed unanimously.

Indian Lake Vintage Boat Show – July 20th – It was decided to not participate in this year's Indian Lake Vintage Boat Show event to be held at Russells Point Harbor, July 20th due to scheduling conflicts.

Letter of Intent to Donellon McCarthy regarding Old Printer – After entering into a Memo of Understanding with Logan Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the lease of a new copier/printer at the office, a letter will be submitted to Donellon McCarthy expressing our intent to not enter into an agreement to renew the lease agreement for the previously leased copier/printer. That agreement officially ends in October of this year. Administrator Vicky Boots will be supplying the letter to the company.

Logan SWCD Summer Intern and Tillage Transect Results – Logan SWCD and ILWP Board Member Frank Phelps reported that the Logan SWCD Summer Intern has completed the Tillage Transect for the ILWP watershed. A presentation of the results was presented at the June Logan SWCD Board meeting. Those results will be presented at our August board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

October Annual Meeting – The ILWP Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16th, at the Indian Lake Community Church Lighthouse. Guest speaker will be Daniel from EnviroScience, providing details from the AutoSampler project that was completed at the lake this spring/summer. More information to be provided at upcoming meetings.

State Park Multi-Purpose Building New Chairs – President Dustin Wickersham reported he had been contacted by a member of ILDC to assist with the replacement of the chairs at the State Park Multi-Purpose Building. The project will be a joint venture among ILDC, ILWP and the state park. ILWP's portion of the expense will be \$771.94. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Tom Langhals to approve ILWP's portion of the purchase of new chairs for the State Park Multi-Purpose Building in the amount of \$771.94. Brenda Crabtree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Future ILWP Signage at State Park – President Dustin Wickersham provided some information for a potential future signage project for ILWP. Board members present were asked to be giving this some consideration as a means of another form of advertising for our organization with the potential for future upgrades. More information to be provided at next month's meeting.

There being no further business Frank Phelps moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Giannola seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building.