



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
November 16, 2022**

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors regular meeting was held Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building. President Tom Langhals called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Board Members in Attendance:

Tom Langhals	President
Dustin Wickersham	President-elect
Sharon DeVault	Treasurer
Brenda Crabtree	Member
Kay Daugherty	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Sandy Helgeson	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Gary Shick	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

Approval of Minutes

Gary Shick moved to approve the October 19th Annual Meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project's Membership and regular board meeting minutes as mailed. Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Dave Helgeson moved to approve the November 16th Financial Statement as presented. Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Dustin Wickersham moved to approve the list of paid and current bills as presented. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PAID BILLS

All Around Accounting – 2021 990 Tax Preparation	\$ 500.00
2020 990 Tax Preparation	\$ 480.00

CURRENT BILLS

RENT – Logan SWCD – November	\$ 273.19
PRINTER LEASE/USAGE - US Bank – November	\$ 742.51
ATTENTION GETTERS - Elle-a-Design – website design	\$ 50.00
DUES – Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce – 2022	\$ 75.00

Cardmember Service – credit card charges		\$ 583.74
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 495.74	
Staples – printer ink	\$121.44	
Intuit – Quickbooks	26.81	
Wix.com – Watershed e-mail	347.49	
ADVERTISING-Facebook Live board meeting	\$ 64.00	
WEED HARVESTER – NEBO	\$ 24.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES – Sandy Helgeson – cell phone charge November		\$ 41.41
NASHVILLE HITMAKERS – Comstor – billboard for Month of July		\$ 375.00
CONTRACT SERVICES – Victoria Boots – 10/13 – 11/15- 96.75 hrs. @ \$25/hr.		\$2,418.75

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Tom Langhalls reported that the past month has been a slow month at the lake with winter approaching and boating activities decreasing for the season. The Dredging Program still needs to be addressed for 2023. ILWP board members and ODNR officials will be addressing this issue after the first of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating – Per the requirements stated in the ILWP By-Laws, the meeting following the Annual Membership which was held October 19, 2022, officers for the 2023 year are to be elected. Chairperson Sandy Helgeson reported that the committee’s recommendation was to retain the same list of officers as 2022: Tom Langhalls, President; Dustin Wickersham, President-elect; Steve Terrill, Secretary; Sharon DeVault, Treasurer. Officers have been contacted and all agreed to serve another year. A motion was made by Nominating Committee Chairperson Sandy Helgeson to accept the following as officers of the Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors for 2023: Tom Langhalls, President; Dustin Wickersham, President-elect; Steve Terrill, Secretary; Sharon DeVault, Treasurer. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote: Brenda Crabtree, yes; Kay Daugherty, yes; Sharon DeVault, abstained; Dave Helgeson, yes; Sandy Helgeson, yes; Frank Phelps, yes; Gary Shick; yes, Steve Terrill, abstained; Tom Langhalls, abstained; Dustin Wickersham; abstained. Motion passed by majority vote – 6 yes and 4 abstained.

Nashville Hitmakers – Board Member and Nashville Hitmakers Event Manager Sandy Helgeson reported that the 2022 NHM concert was again a huge success and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Next year’s event will be held in August. Sandy and ILWP Administrator Vicky Boots have been notified to attend the December Indian Lake Schools Board meeting to present the ILWP donation to the Music and Arts programs of the Indian Lake Schools. In the past a check for \$4,000.00 has been donated to those programs. Dustin Wickersham moved the ILWP board donate \$4,000.00 from the proceeds of this year’s Nashville Hitmakers concert to the Indian Lake Schools Music and Arts programs again this year. Gary Shick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Sandy and Vicky will make the presentation on behalf of the ILWP Board to the Indian Lake Schools at their December 19th meeting.

Membership – Membership Chairperson Brenda Crabtree reported that approximately 200 new members have joined ILWP in 2022 bringing the membership count to approximately 650-700 members. Membership renewal campaign is right around the corner. A January (Winter) ILWP newsletter is being prepared and the membership renewal will be included along with a highlight of 2022 ILWP/Indian Lake activities and upcoming 2023 happenings around the lake. Sandy will be

preparing an article that will focus on Nashville Hitmakers. President-elect Dustin Wickersham has contacted Elle-A-Design regarding pricing for creating a template for the newsletter. The first design, which will be more time consuming, will cost approximately \$500 with future design work \$250. The work would include layout and printing. Elle-A-Design associates contract with another company to provide assembling and mailing of the newsletter. Some concerns were raised concerning providing members' personal contact information (addresses, e-mails, etc.). A decision regarding the assembling and mailing will be decided at a later date. Kay Daugherty moved that Elle-A-Design be contacted to design and print the January newsletter for a cost of \$500 for the first design. Brenda Crabtree seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A committee of Sharon DeVault, Sandy Helgeson, Dustin Wickersham and Vicky Boots will be responsible for the newsletter content and proof reading before it goes to print. As in the past the newsletter will be sent utilizing bulk mailing rate.

Fundraising – President-elect Dustin Wickersham and Board Member Sandy Helgeson recently submitted 2 separate grants to Honda of America for funding 2 separate future ILWP projects for 2023. Dustin's grant focused on funding for a Monitoring Program/Training of Individuals for participation in the Monitoring Program/Education and Shoreline Survey. The grant was submitted for \$131,000.00. Sandy's grant was to provide start up funds for the 2023 Nashville Hitmakers concert. The deadline was October 31, 2022 but approval notification is not expected until spring of 2023. Thank you Dustin and Sandy for all the painstaking work you did to submit these grants. It is a lengthy process!!!

Budget – Administrator Vicky Boots reminded members of the Budget Committee that a 2023 budget needs to developed soon.

OLD BUSINESS

OCTOBER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – The ILWP Annual Membership Meeting was held October 19th at the Indian Lake High School Auditorium. Approximately 250-300 were in attendance as well as numerous individuals who viewed and participated virtually. Representatives from Restorative Lake Services and Aqua Doc presented their findings from data collected during the summer season regarding weeds and recommendations to control future weed problems. A question and answer session was held at the end and numerous good questions were answered by both individuals. The general consensus was that a lot of good information was provided. It was stressed that this issue is going to take TIME and all must be patient. A huge thank you to Indian Lake Schools for the use of their facilities; Woody's for the food that was provided for board members and guests prior to the meeting; and ODNR officials for the media coverage.

PETER BERRINI, BERRINI & ASSOCIATES, LLC RECOMMENDATIONS – Dredging expert Peter Berrini, Berrini & Associates, LLC from Illinois provided a report focusing on his findings of what the next step should be for Indian Lake regarding a dredging program. Peter met with board members and ODNR officials October 19th, prior to the ILWP Annual Meeting. Peter along with several board members were able to tour various DMRA's (Dredge Material Relocation Areas) around the lake to see firsthand how things are being handled by ODNR officials. Peter met with Tom Grabow and Shawn Nixon, ODNR Dredge Specialists. He recommended that the shallow areas around the lake need to be pumped first and then focus on the sediment traps located at the mouths of the tributaries. It was projected that Dredge meetings were to start back up in November to get the Dredge going again. Things look promising with priority area to be on the north side of the lake. Education and team work are the key to a successful program.

NEBO EQUIPMENT – Administrator Vicky Boots was advised to contact NEBO to discontinue GPS service that is utilized by the weed harvesters during the summer season. This will eliminate some operating costs during the off season. The subscription will be reconnected in the spring when harvesting operations begin.

QUICKBOOKS DESKTOP SOFTWARE - Currently the ILWP bookkeeping software is QuickBooks online version. The program is not user friendly. At the recommendation of the current accountant who services to the ILWP board, Administrator Vicky Boots requested approval to purchase a desktop version of QuickBooks at a cost not to exceed \$900.00. Sandy Helgeson moved to allow Administrator Vicky Boots to purchase QuickBooks desktop software to install on the ILWP laptop at a price not to exceed \$900.00. Dustin Wickersham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

STATE PARK UPDATE – ODNR State Park officials informed board members that activities around the lake are currently in winter maintenance mode: removing old docks, fencing project around campgrounds to ease the golf cart problem to mention a few. Various other projects are being completed before the winter months. An aggressive strategy to address the weed problem will be the focus for the spring.

Dustin Wickersham moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M. Dave Helgeson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sharon DeVault moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. Dustin Wickesham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kay Daugherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Gary Shick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building.