

# INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES March 19, 2025

The regularly scheduled March meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building. President Dustin Wickersham called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

## **Board Members in Attendance:**

Dustin Wickersham	President		
Sharon DeVault	Treasurer		
Brenda Crabtree	Member		
Dave Paxton	Member		
Frank Phelps	Member		
Molly Shick	Member		
Steve Terrill	Member		

## **Guests in Attendance:**

Mike Yoder Heidi Whitman Logan County Commissioner Indian Lake State Park Manager

## **Approval of Minutes**

Frank Phelps moved to approve the February 11, 2025, minutes as mailed. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Financial Report**

Brenda Crabtree moved to approve the March 19, 2025, financial report as presented. Dave Paxton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a brief discussion regarding the Nashville Hitmakers Savings Account on deposit at Citizens Federal Savings and Loan, Frank Phelps moved to close the Nashville Hitmakers Savings Account at Citizens Federal and transfer the \$12,052.99 balance to the Indian Lake Watershed Project's Citizens Federal NOW checking account. Steve Terrill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of Bills**

With the implementation of the Edward Jones ILWP Money Market/State Line Item Funds Account, the current list of bills will now reflect the invoices that will be paid with Private Watershed Funds (ILWP Citizens Federal Savings Account NOW Account) and State Line Item Funds (Edward Jones ILWP Money Market/State Line Item Funds Account).

Administrator Vicky Boots informed the board that the Nationwide Insurance premium in the amount of \$1,019.00 provided coverage for the copier/printer that was returned to Perry Corporation last fall. After a brief discussion President Dustin Wickersham reported that he would be contacting Erwin Insurance for a policy review and premium adjustment. Therefore, Dave Paxton moved to approve the list of bills to be paid for the

# OUTSTANDING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH NEEDING APPROVAL

### MARCH 2025 BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

### **CITIZENS FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN/PRIVATE FUNDS ACCOUNT**

No Bills Needing Approval for month of March

#### EDWARD JONES ILWP MONEY MARKET/STATE LINE ITEM FUNDS ACCOUNT

#### **General Operating**

Cardmember Services		
Email Market Services – Mailchimp	\$ 21.45	
Office Supplies – QuickBooks	\$ 37.54	
Office Supplies – Staples-notebooks	\$ 341.50	
Advertising – Miller Graphics – Signage for Boat Show	\$ 30.00	
Storage Unit – Russells Point Storage Center – April lease	\$ 54.00	
Rent – Logan SWCD – January	\$ 298.52	
Printer/Copier Lease – 2-18 – 3-18-2025	\$ 132.88	
Insurance – Erwin Insurance Agency – Board of Directors' Liability – 2025	\$ 985.00	
Insurance – Nationwide – Office/Property Coverage 2025	\$ <mark>1,019.00</mark>	do not pay

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – No President's Report – Topics will be covered during the course of the meeting**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** – Membership Chairperson Brenda Crabtree reminded board members that the Membership Basket that was on display at the Boat Show will be "raffled off" at the April Board meeting. Those individuals who renewed their ILWP memberships for 2025 and any new members who have signed up for 2025 are eligible. Individuals do not need to be present to win.

Board members were informed about the upcoming Antique Boat Show event that will be held in July will again provide an opportunity for ILWP to reach out to attendees to become members of our organization. The ILWP will have information and a display at that event.

**Monitoring** – Macorinvertebrate Monitoring Project Coordinator Noah Ganson was not able to attend the meeting. Therefore, no update on the project.

**H2Ohio Update** – Project liaison and new board member Stephanie Howard was not able to attend the meeting but did provide an update on the status of the project. CEC has confirmed the "as-built survey" is scheduled

for March 20-21, pending weather conditions. Planting dates for the project are scheduled to be done during the week of March 31 or April 7, again pending weather conditions.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

**EnviroScience Bathymetric Tributary Modeling Survey Update** – President Dustin Wickersham updated board members of the status of the Bathymetric Tributary Modeling Survey. The board previously approved a contract with EnviroScience in the amount of \$15,000.00 to perform survey of sediment loading coming into the lake annually from the 178 miles of tributaries. This data will be collected with the use of Samplers and Sensors that will be placed in the tributaries in the spring and collected before winter. The purpose of the samplers and sensors is to monitor the amount of sediment flowing into the lake from a specific tributary thus, providing data regarding the impact of the sediment from that specific location. In addition to the equipment, batteries and chargers to maintain the equipment and tubing will be needed for the project.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Frank Phelps to set aside up to \$130,000.00 to fund the equipment/batteries/chargers purchase for the Bathymetric Tributary Modeling Survey project. Steve Terrill seconded. Brenda Crabtree-yea; Dave Paxton-yea; Frank Phelps-yea; Molly Shick-yea; Steve Terrill-yea; Dustin Wickersham-yea; Sharon DeVault-abstained.

**ILWP and Nashville Hitmakers Scholarships** – Board members were informed that word has been received from Indian Lake High School's Guidance Department that the ILWP and Nashville Hitmakers Scholarship applications for 2025 are available for pick up and review. Board Member Sharon DeVault and Administrator Vicky Boots will review applications. Anyone else wishing to volunteer for the selection may contact either Sharon or Vicky. Selection must be made and results returned to the ILHS Guidance Department by April 11th. The ILWP Scholarship amount is \$750.00. Nashville Hitmakers Scholarship amount is \$1,000.00. The Scholarship Award Presentation assembly is scheduled for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.

**State Line Item Funding** – President Dustin Wickersham informed board members that he is preparing a letter to the Senate portion of the State Legislature for funding for the next state biennium budget process for ILWP. After much discussion a decision was made to present a proposal for \$250,000.00 (\$125,000.00 per year for the next 2 years).

**Tile Blow Out Program** – President Dustin Wickersham reported that the application for the Tile Blow Out Program was reviewed by the attorney and no changes were required. The application has been posted on the ILWP website and is available to be picked up at the Logan Soil and Water Conservation District Office; 324 County Road 11; Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.00

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Inland Fish Ohio Day** – **May 9-10** – President Dustin Wickersham reported that he has been contacted by ODNR-Division of Wildlife representatives regarding the 2025 Inland Fish Ohio Day that is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Indian Lake. Governor Mike DeWine along with his family members will be visiting Indian Lake and enjoying quality family "fishing time" at beautiful Indian Lake. Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> has been set aside for a reception that will provide board members with the opportunity to "rub elbows" with some of the powers that be from the state giving us a chance to "toot our own horn". Saturday will be set aside for the family "fishing time" for the governor and his grandchildren. To fund the event ODNR-Division of Wildlife was requesting sponsors to cover the cost of food, drinks, etc. for the Inland Fish Ohio event in the amount of \$1,500.00. A

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motion was made by Sharon DeVault and seconded by Brenda Crabtree to provide \$1,500.00 to cover the cost of food, drinks, etc. for the Inland Fish Ohio event to be held May 9-10 at Indian Lake. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ODNR Update** – No update

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

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will held 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at the Indian Lake State Park Campgrounds Multi-Purpose Building.