



INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
January 15, 2025

The regularly scheduled January meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, January 15, 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
Glenn Ammons	Member
Brenda Crabtree	Member
Frank Giannola	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

Approval of Minutes

Frank Phelps moved to approve the November 20, 2024, minutes as mailed. Frank Giannola seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Glenn Ammons moved to approve the January 15, 2025, financial report as presented. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Sharon DeVault moved to approve the list of paid bills for the month of December and outstanding bills for the month of January as presented. Glenn Ammons seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PAID BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER and OUTSTANDING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY NEEDING APPROVAL

DECEMBER PAID BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

General Operating

Logan SWCD		
Rent November	\$ 289.83	
Printer – 11-18 – 12-18	\$ 130.48	
Community Storage – Storage Unit – December/January		\$ 128.00
Elan Financial		\$ 134.05
Office Supplies – QuickBooks-online	\$ 37.54	
Microsoft – annual subscription	\$ 75.06	
Attention Getters – Mailchimp	\$ 21.45	

Misc. Operating

Thompson, Dunlap & Heydinger – Legal Services \$ 337.50

JANUARY 2025 BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

General Operating

Logan SWCD \$ 420.31

Rent-December \$ 289.83

Printer – 12-18 – 1-18 \$ 130.48

Elan Financial \$ 210.03

Office Supplies - QuickBooks \$ 37.54

Office Supplies – Staples \$ 43.90

Attention Getters – Mailchimp \$ 21.45

Attention Getters – WIX-website \$ 72.92

Miscellaneous-Late Fee/Interest \$ 34.22

Elle A. Design – Fall/Winter Newsletter \$ 175.00

Misc. Operating – Hardin SWCD – CTC Breakfast Sponsorship \$ 100.00

Contract Services

Victoria L. Boots – 11-20-2024 – 1-13-2025 – 79.75 hrs. @ \$30/hr. \$2,392.50

Bank Reconciliations for 2024, 2024 actual and 2025 proposed budget prep,
Preparing deposits, memorial donations letters, updating QuickBooks for 2024,
board meeting prep (reports, copying and collating board member folder)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Dustin Wickersham highlighted some of the ILWP 2024

Accomplishments: 1) By-Laws updated; 2) New Board Members search; 3) Sediment Survey completion – update was received recently and will be sent to the Dredge Working Group for their review; 4)Shoreline Survey completed.

ILWP Goals for 2025: 1) Tributary Project - \$15,000 funding remaining for the project, waiting for final report from EnviroScience Data from survey; 2) Macroinvertebrate Monitoring with watershed schools; 3)) State Budget Funding; 4) Watershed Signage Project; 5) Move bookkeeping responsibilities to accountant.

Dustin emphasized that the Sediment Survey and Shoreline Survey results; tributary and dredging data; was very important to the future water quality improvement of the lake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nashville Hitmakers – At the November, 2024 board meeting the ILWP Board made the decision that the 2024 Nashville Hitmakers concert was to be the last concert in the series of over 14 concerts dating back to 2012. This decision was based upon the requests of the family of Sandy Helgeson. However, Board Member Dave Helgeson reported that he was recently contacted by Even Stevens wanting to know what the status was for the 2025 Hitmakers concert. Even would like to move forward and help organize a 2025 concert. Therefore, the subject will be a topic for the February ILWP Board Meeting.

As in the past, the ILWP Board of Directors has donated a portion of the proceeds from the annual Nashville Hitmakers concert to the Indian Lake Schools Music Department. The donation is normally made during the same calendar year as the concert. However, with the untimely death of Nashville Hitmakers Event Manager Sandy Helgeson, the donation was postponed until the beginning of 2025. After much discussion a motion was made by Sharon DeVault and seconded by Steve Terrill that a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the

2024 Nashville Hitmakers concert proceeds be made to the Indian Lake Schools' Music Department. Motion passed unanimously. ILWP Board Treasurer Sharon DeVault and ILWP Administrator Vicky Boots will present the check at the upcoming January Indian Lake School Board Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2025.

President Dustin Wickersham reported that he had been contacted by ILHS Guidance Counselor inquiring about the status of the 2025 Nashville Hitmakers Scholarship. After much discussion a motion was made by Frank Giannola and seconded by Sharon DeVault to offer the Nashville Hitmakers Scholarship again to a graduating ILHS senior who will be majoring in music and/or arts in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2024/2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Dredge Planning Working Group – No Report The Sediment Survey Final Report will be sent to Dredge Working Group Members for their review. Update to be provided at February ILWP Board meeting.

Membership – Membership Chairperson Brenda Crabtree informed board members the 2025 Indian Lake Boat Show is right around the corner. The past few years the ILWP has raffled off a "Membership" Basket to individuals who sign up either renewal of their ILWP memberships or become a new member of our organization at the Boat Show. Those who meet the requirements are eligible for the drawing of a basket of items donated by local individuals and businesses. Brenda has graciously spearheaded that project the past several years and is willing to take on the responsibility again this year. After much discussion a motion was made by Brenda Crabtree that up to \$1,000.00 be set aside to fund this year's project. Dave Helgeson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Monitoring – Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Project Coordinator Noah Ganson updated board members regarding the proposed project. It is estimated that approximately 23 locations will be monitored for macroinvertebrate critters in the tributaries that enter into the lake. These critters help determine the water quality of those tributaries. Those sites will be monitored utilizing a Hesterdendy device that collects the macroinvertebrates located in that location. The device eliminates the process of using a dip net or kick net collection process cutting down on the time and number of volunteers needed to complete. A research permit with tag number will be needed to be placed on each device. As mentioned, 23 devices are targeted for this year's project. That goal will depend upon summer weather. Noah will provide invoices for the cost of the equipment for board approval. A Summer Stream Day has been tentatively scheduled for June 14th. More details will be provided at future board meetings.

H2Ohio Update – Due to the absence of Project Liaison Stephanie Howard, there was no report. A March/April Completion date is projected.

Endowment – An Endowment Review Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17th, 10:00 A.M. at Edward Jones office in Lakeview. All board members are encouraged to attend,

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Wall – President Dustin Wickersham reported that all the Memorial Wall plaques are now installed on the ILWP Memorial Wall with the exception of Sandy Helgeson's. That project was completed by Board Members Tom Langhals and Garis Pugh. Thank you Tom and Garis for getting this long overdue project completed. Sandy's plaque will be ordered and installed as soon as it is received.

EnviroScience Sediment Survey Report – The completed EnviroScience Sediment Survey Report has been sent to Dustin and will be sent to the Dredge Working Group for their review before it is sent to board members. More updates at the February ILWP Board Meeting.

EnviroScience Bathymetric Tributary Model – President Dustin Wickersham reported that to date \$5,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 contracted amount to EnviroScience for the Bathymetric Tributary Model Project has been dispersed. A report is to be forthcoming and will be shared with board members when it is received.

NEW BUSINESS

Logan/Hardin SWCD Conservation Tillage Breakfast Sponsorship – For the past several years the Logan and Hardin County Soil and Water Conservation Districts have hosted a Conservation Tillage Breakfast. A series of approximately 5 breakfasts are held and feature various speakers who focus on upcoming and informational Agriculture topics. The breakfasts are open to the public. The breakfasts are funded through sponsorships from various businesses/agencies with agriculture interests that impact the two county areas. The sponsorship fee is \$100.00. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Frank Phelps and seconded by Glenn Ammons for the Indian Lake Watershed Project to help sponsor the Conservation Tillage Breakfast for 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

2025 Budget – This is a State of Ohio Biennium Budget Year and to date we have not put together a proposal for any state line item funding. This will be a topic for discussion at the February board meeting. Be thinking of projects/items that will require state funding.

The 2025 Honda of America Grant deadline was this past fall. At that time we had no future projects that qualified for funding through their grant requirements. Therefore, no application was prepared. The Sponsorship portion of the Honda Grant Proposal is open year round. To date no definite decision has been made regarding a 2025 Nashville Hitmakers concert. Therefore, no application has been prepared for Sponsorship funding awaiting a final decision on the 2025 concert.

H2Ohio Budget Amendment Approval – The H2Ohio Project to date has dispersed \$5105.00 with a remaining balance of \$2395.00. It has been reported that an additional \$250.00 is needed due to the extension of the completion date from October 2024 to March/April 2025. Frank Phelps moved to approve the Budget Amendment from \$7500.00 to \$7750.00 due to project completion date extension. Glenn Ammons seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tile Blowout Program – During previous discussions regarding potential ILWP Projects the Tile Blowout Program has been mentioned. The program would address areas of tile lines in agriculture producers' fields that have blowouts (broken tile lines) creating holes in the fields that allow silt and sediment to enter directly into those tile lines. This silt and sediment has the potential to be dumped into the tributaries that eventually enter into Indian Lake thus contributing to the dredging problem that is currently experienced. The repairs to these lines can help eliminate this silt and sediment problem. In the very early years of the ILWP a Tile Blowout Program was funded with remaining 319/314 grant funds. However, funding was quickly dispersed to qualified ag producers. After much discussion a motion was made by Dave Helgeson and seconded by Frank Giannola to set aside \$20,000.00 that would fund a new Tile Blowout Program. Motion passed unanimously. The requirements for approval into the program would be finalized with the participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts from Logan, Hardin and Auglaize Counties. Research of a previously existing application and requirements will be completed and information provided to board members with agriculture

knowledge in this area for their input. (Frank Phelps, Glenn Ammons, Gary Shick and prospective Board Member Molly Shick)

2025 Committee List – To be provided at February Board Meeting

Board Member Resignations – President Dustin Wickersham reported that he has been in contact with board members who have requested to be removed from the current ILWP Board of Directors roster. Those board members are: Carlotta Jones, Darlene Shick and Gabe Wickline. Regretfully, we will also be replacing the position of Board Member Sandy Helgeson who passed away in November. Sharon DeVault moved we accept the resignations of current Board Members Carlotta Jones, Darlene Shick, Gabe Wickline and posthumously Sandy Helgeson. Dave Helgeson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Frank Giannola and seconded by Brenda Crabtree to purchase “Thank you” Plaques at a cost up to \$100 for those board members. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report – President Dustin Wickersham reported that he along with other members of the Nominating Committee – Sharon DeVault and Tom Langhals – met to discuss potential new board members to fill the vacancies of those 4 members who were recently removed. The following individuals were suggested as potential candidates to fill those positions: Tony Beck, Stephanie Howard, Dave Paxton and Molly Shick. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Sharon DeVault to approval the following individuals as members of the ILWP Board of Directors: Tony Beck, Stephanie, Howard, Dave Paxton and Molly Shick. Frank Giannola seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Welcome Aboard Tony, Stephanie, Dave and Molly!!!

ODNR Update – State Park representatives reported that there is dredging to be done and weeds to be dealt with when the weather breaks!!!

Everyone was reminded of the Endowment Review Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 17th at Edward Jones in Lakeview, at 10:00 A.M. All Board Members are encouraged to attend.

There being no further business Frank Giannola 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. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**, at the Indian Lake State Park Campgrounds Multi-Purpose Building.