



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
September 21, 2022**

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors regular meeting was held Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building. President Tom Langhals called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., by welcoming all visitors attending.

Board Members in Attendance:

Tom Langhals	President
Dustin Wickersham	President-elect
Sharon DeVault	Treasurer
Brenda Crabtree	Member
Kay Daugherty	Member
Sandy Helgeson	Member
Darlene Shick	Member
Gary Shick	Member

Approval of Minutes

Dustin Wickersham moved to approve the August 17th regular board meeting minutes as mailed. Gary Shick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Sandy Helgeson moved to approve the September 21st Financial Statement as presented. Kay Daugherty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

PAID BILLS

INSURANCE – EQUIPMENT & BOD

Erwin Insurance Agency – Additional Liability Weed Harvester \$1,776.60

MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS/POSTAGE

U.S. Postmaster – 2 rolls stamps

SALARIES/CONTRACT SERVICES – STATE OF OHIO-DEPT. OF AG FUNDS

Administrator Hours for Vicky Boots – 7/29/2022 thru 9/5/2022

107 hrs. @ \$25/hr. = \$2675.00

ADMINISTRATOR MILEAGE

Administrator Mileage 8/17/22 thru 9/2/22

138.5 mi. @ \$.625/mi = \$86.56

WEED HARVESTER – HONDA GRANT FUNDS

Shoreline Construction & Excavating Ltd. – final weed harvesting invoice

\$46,800.00

CURRENT BILLS

RENT

Logan SWCD – September \$ 273.19

MEDIA SPECIALIST

Media Specialist Hours for Helena Faulder 9/7/22 thru 9/20/22

2 hrs. @ \$22/hr. = \$ 44.00

PRINTER LEASE – September

September usage \$742.51

Overages for period 42.04

TOTAL for September usage \$ 784.55

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nashville Hitmakers – Indian Lake Watershed Project Board Member and Nashville Hitmakers Event Manager Sandy Helgeson, reported that the 2023 Nashville Hitmakers concert date has been set for August 19th to be held again at the Indian Lake High School Auditorium. Songwriters Even Stevens, Mike Loudermilk, Alison Prestwood will be in attendance along with others who have yet to be announced. Of course, an amazing concert is being planned. The goal is and continues to be a “Sell Out” Crowd. Mark your calendars!!

Membership – To date there are over 600 members with an ultimate goal of 1000.

Communication/Social Media Specialist Helena Faulder was recently hired to manage the social media communication with the membership along by providing a monthly online newsletter to better communicate with the ILWP membership regarding all the “happenings and current events” of the ILWP creating a more professional means of communication. This will allow the membership to be better informed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Tom Langhals reported that as of today there is more open water at Indian Lake. “Kudos” to all the dedicated weed harvester workers and haulers responsible for achieving this major task. Without their dedication and hard work, we would still be facing an unending uphill task of weed removal. The ILWP Eco Harvester is again back in the water and running. Thank you to Tom Langhals, Gary Shick and Dave Paxton who volunteered numerous hours to do this job!

The State of Ohio will be adding two more harvesters to the current fleet for the upcoming 2023 season along with additional chemical spraying to try to “hit the ground running” and allow more control of the weed problem.

After much discussion it was decided to table the sale of the current ILWP Eco Harvester. Members of the public in attendance expressed concern that without the eco harvester the channels would not receive the attention that is required to address the weed growth in those areas. The current state harvesters and the ILWP “Lake Raker” are too big to navigate those areas.

OLD BUSINESS

RESTORATIVE LAKE SCIENCES PROJECT UPDATE - Dr. Jennifer Jones’ Restorative Lake Sciences project is scheduled to have their final report completed by September 30th with a public release date of October 9th. It is planned to have the report available for the public to review at that time via social media and the ILWP website. The results will also be shared with the membership and any interested individuals at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on October 19th at Indian Lake High School’s Auditorium. Historical monitoring data has been sent to Dr. Jones for inclusion into her report.

OCTOBER 19th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – President-Elect Dustin Wickersham informed board members and those in attendance that Dr. Jennifer Jones, Restorative Lake Sciences, will be the featured speaker at the ILWP Annual Membership Meeting scheduled to be held 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at the Indian Lake High School Auditorium. Dr. Jones will be revealing the results of the lake management plan that will address weed harvesting and chemical application for Indian Lake along with dredging and geese management. ODNR officials will be providing their results from their recent weed studies that have been completed during the 2022 summer season. The event will be livestreamed to allow those unable to attend to receive the information firsthand as well. Advertising of the event will be done to get the word out to the general public via social media, radio ads, flyers that will be available at the upcoming Indian Lake Fall Festival, as well as distribution to residents and businesses.

INDIAN LAKE FALL FESTIVAL BOOTH SCHEDULE – The ILWP will have a display at the upcoming Indian Lake Fall Festival that will be held Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25th at the Indian Lake State Park Campground. Workers are needed to help “man the display” during the hours of the event. A schedule was passed around to solicit for workers for the various time slots. Workers will be asked to answer questions from the general public, distribute flyers for the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting and solicit for memberships for the ILWP. Thank you to those who volunteered!

NEBO GLOBAL ACCOUNT – ILWP Administrator Vicky Boots announced that the NEBO Global account that is utilized by the operators of the weed harvester for GPS location of weeds, etc. has been reactivated. The account was discontinued when the previous ILWP Edward Jones credit card was cancelled. The account has recently been reactivated and all systems are up and running again.

HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOM TESTING RESULTS – September 6, 2022 - Board member Sharon DeVault reported that the test result dated September 6, 2022, for the site located at the State Park Campground Beach was well under the limit of .5ppm of microcystin. There is blue/green algae evident but it is not harmful. There is not much wave action at that location. With the closure of the state park pool, there is not much activity at the campground. Sharon will be testing one more time for the 2022 season for microcystin at the various sites.

NEW BUSINESS

ODNR UPDATE – ODNR Official Mark Bruce reported that the buoys that were located at the second chemical testing area have been removed. The chemical and microcystin continues to be tested in that location. ODNR will be making their announcement of their findings from the testing that was done this season at the October 19th ILWP Annual Membership Meeting and providing their recommendations for the upcoming 2023 season. Their goal is to “hit the ground running” in the early spring for the 2023 Boating Season. Recommendations from experts will be implemented to hopefully prevent the influx of weed growth for the next boating season. The weed harvesters will continue to run as long as weather permits. A Sonar boat will be brought down to Indian Lake later this fall to assist with a depth study of the lake.

STATE PARK UPDATE - State Park Personnel provided the following updates: the campground area is being winterized for the off season. Various projects are being addressed before the winter season begins: shower house/restroom repairs; trees trimmed; lights repaired; pool closed and winterized; United Way Clean recently held with numerous volunteers assisting with various projects at the state park; Honda and ILDC volunteers assisting with various projects to improve sites around the lake; Fall Festival prep ongoing for the upcoming weekend with over 150 vendors in attendance.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Jon Bull – ILWP needs to retain ownership of the eco harvester to use in the channels and dock areas

ODNR Director Mary Mertz needs to be in attendance at the ILWP October 19th meeting

Tim Hart – Fire Protection issue needs to be addressed due to the weeds in the water. In the event of a major fire event at one of the islands, there is no means of drawing water from the lake to fight the fire. The weeds that are present “plug up the pumps” eliminating the possibility of obtaining water to fight the fire.

Carey McDonald – Any additional future funding from ODNR? ODNR officials reported that the issue is being worked on for the next biennium budget. Special appropriation is required to be sent to state for any further funding. Obtaining data very critical for the additional funding process. US Army Corp of Engineers visited Indian Lake and is looking at the potential for long-term funding from the federal government

Roberta Schroeder – Great concern during duck hunting of hunters remaining 400 feet from residences. During the season she witnessed hunters shooting directly toward her house along the shore and felt they were closer than the 400 feet. She was advised to contact ODNR Division of Wildlife. These issues are under their jurisdiction.

Dustin Wickersham moved to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Helgeson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 19, 2022, during the ILWP Annual Meeting of the Membership at the Indian Lake High School Auditorium.