



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 17, 2024**

The regularly April meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Indian Lake Community Church's Lighthouse. 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
Kay Daugherty	Member
Frank Dietz	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

**Approval of Minutes**

Frank Phelps moved the following amendment be made to the February 21, 2024 minutes: Frank Dietz moved to increase the contract services rate for Administrative Assistant Vicky Boots from the current rate of \$25.00/hr. to \$30.00/hr. retroactive to January 1, 2024. Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Frank Dietz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank Dietz moved to approve the February 21, 2024, minutes as amended. Kay Daugherty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Crabtree moved to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2024, Special Meeting as mailed. Kay Daugherty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Frank Phelps moved to approve the April 17, 2024, financial report as presented. Frank Dietz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills**

Administrative Assistant informed the board that an additional bill be added to the list for the month of April.

Monitoring Equipment for Sediment Survey Project – reimburse Dustin Wickersham for Sounding Poles (2)	\$815.31
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Frank Phelps moved to approve the list of bills the month of April needing approval as amended. Frank Dietz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **APRIL BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL**

### **General Operating**

Logan SWCD – Rent March		\$ 289.83
Logan SWCD – printer lease (new printer) February 18-April 18		\$ 153.55
US Bank – Printer Lease Agreement – April (old printer)		\$ 780.83
Community Storage – storage unit lease – April		\$ 54.00
Elan Financial		\$ 103.95
Office Supplies – QuickBooks-online	\$ 32.18	
Attentions Getters – Mailchimp	\$ 21.45	
Miscellaneous – Late Fee	\$ 50.32	
Bellefontaine Examiner – Boat Show Ad		\$ 222.29
Thompson, Dunlap & Heydinger, Ltd.		\$ 343.75
EnviroScience contract Review	\$ 275.00	
Call with Dustin re: “Square” dispute	\$ 68.72	
Elle A. Design		\$ 450.00
Design work on website	\$ 375.00	
Website revisions	\$ 75.00	
Brenda Crabtree – reimbursement for Membership Basket Gift Cards		\$ 857.59
Basket and “Goodies”, Tom’s Gift (picture)		

### **Nashville Hitmakers**

Indian Lake Shopper’s Edge – Boat Show Ad		\$ 150.00
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### **Contract Services**

Victoria Boots – 53 hrs. @ \$30/hrs.		\$ 1,590.00
Board Meeting Prep, General administrative duties, Membership updates		

**President’s Report** – President Dustin Wickersham welcomed board members and guests in attendance for this evening’s meeting. He reported that the Ohio State Capital Budget has moved from the House of Representatives to the Senate. The Logan County Commissioners has put in a request for \$3.5 million in addition to the \$5 million that was originally requested by Rep. Jon Cross for dredging at Indian Lake. The Indian Lake Watershed Project submitted a request for \$1.75 million for shoreline protection/rip rap for the shores of Indian Lake. We will anxiously be awaiting the outcome of the budget approval later this spring.

Indian Lake Watershed Project has been awarded a \$25,000.00 grant from Honda of America for the purpose of funding a Water Quality Education Program. As a part of that program Watershed representatives will be making a presentation to the Environmental Science Club at Benjamin Logan on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nashville Hitmakers** – The Nashville Hitmakers 2024 Sponsorship notices are being prepared for mailing. An article will be included in this year’s WPKO Lake Guide. An ad with ticket information and concert details will also be included. The ad space will be shared with ILWP which includes a 2024 membership application. The total cost for the WPKO Lake Guide Ad is \$1,170.30 (\$585.15-Hitmakers; \$585.15-ILWP). Frank Phelps moved to approve the bill for the WPKO Lake Guide for Nashville Hitmakers (\$585.15) and ILWP (\$585.15). Steve Terrill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Dredge Planning Working Group** – This past year the ILWP Board of Directors approved a contract with Berrini and Associates in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of preparing a Dredge Planning Proposal. The proposal recommended Bathymetric study be completed on the lake. The ILWP Board of Directors accepted the proposal submitted by EnviroScience in the amount of \$55,000.00 to complete the study. The

ILWP volunteers will be known as the “Mud Trackers” and participate in the project. The collection of this data will be the starting process for the Dredge Plan.

**Membership** – The drawing for the Membership Basket that was part of the Boat Show Membership Campaign will be done at the May board meeting scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Monitoring** – Brookside Labs which conducted the EPA approved chemical testing in the past for ILWPs is no longer offering those services. After research of various other labs it was decided to enter into an agreement with MASI Labs in Plain City, Ohio. This same lab provides testing services for Russells Point/Lakeview water treatment plant. The South Fork and the other tributaries flowing into Indian Lake were sampled and taken to MASI for testing. Results to be revealed at a later date.

**Legislative – By-Laws revision committee** – A committee will be formed to review and update the current ILWP By-Laws.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**H2Ohio Wetland Project Update** – Stephanie Howard, Project Administrator for the \$750,000.00 H2Ohio Wetland Project, introduced Deanna Bobak, Civil & Environmental Consulting, Inc. representative who provided an update on the status of the wetland project at 3 locations in the State Park Campground area. Ohio Water Development Authority identified 5 sites in the area but chose 3.

Site #1 – The site is 60% designed and moving into the final design planning stage. The site is designed with a small pond to dissipate water flow during rain events. Berms will direct water into 3 pools and out of the system. Areas will be planted with wetland plants, prairie plants to attract butterflies and pollinators.

Site #2 – Area will function similar to site #1. Designed to dissipate water during high water events. Will also be designed with shallow ponds.

Site #3 – Will be designed to handle Agriculture and Urban runoff into a stream at the campground. The site will be gravity fed and capture the nutrients from the agriculture and urban sources.

Permitting is the next phase. As of February 12, 2024 those permits have been accepted and awarded. The Floodplain Permit submission is pending along with the Notice of Intent with an estimated completion date of May 31. Engineering and Design is 60%-90% into the final design stage with estimated completion date of May 31. Estimated construction timeline to begin June 1, 2024. Construction company, HEPACO, has been involved from the very beginning of the project and is ready to begin. Total acreage of project is 3.5 acres. All funds, \$750,000.00 will be spent on the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Tillage Transect** – Logan Soil and Water Conservation District is hiring a summer intern to assist various projects for the district. One of the projects is a Tillage Transect. In the past ILWP has had a designated route within the agriculture watershed that focused on the different types of tillage that were being conducted on the land. The type of tillage that is utilized by the agriculture producer produces sediment runoff and greatly impacts the water quality of the tributaries and therefore impacts the lake as well. The goal is to use the same route that was used in prior years to see how those practices have changed.

**EnviroScience Sediment Survey** – The 18 page EnviroScience proposal for the AutoSamplers was tabled until the May meeting.

**Ross Simpson, Eden Lakes – BioChar Presentation** – Eden Lakes Company is located in Muskingum, Michigan. The company has developed a filter-TimberChar- that harvests the phosphorous and prevents it from entering streams. The filter is made out of recycled timber. It is EPA and USDA approved. It has been adopted for use in Denmark, Australia and New Zealand. It removes phosphorous, nitrates, salt compounds- including road salt, micro plastics, hydrocarbon and heavy metals. Cost of the project is \$70,000 for the first year and then 1/3 that cost each year thereafter or approximately \$65/timber.

**Restorative Lake Sciences Update** – Dr. Jennifer Jones, Restorative Lake Sciences, provided a virtual update to attendees. She reported that there has been minimum milfoil sited (approximately 5-6 ac.) and not a lot of coontail. The curly leaf pondweed has been able to be controlled by harvesting. The water quality is being sampled. Shoreline erosion survey is being done. Other practices instead of rip rap are being considered. The results of the study will be given as soon as possible. The Restorative Lake Sciences team was at the lake the week of the board meeting and will be updating with their findings at a later date.

**ODNR Update** – Fox Island remains closed. ODNR is working with Division of Forestry regarding tornado damage to the area. The playground equipment will be inspected for safety purposes before public use. No Wake Zones to be out all season

Frank Phelps moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 P.M. Kay Daugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brenda Crabtree and seconded by Sharon DeVault to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 P.M.

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

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building.