



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
February 21, 2024**

The regularly February meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, February 21, 2024 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
Frank Dietz	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Sandy Helgeson	Member
Frank Phelps	Member

Approval of Minutes

Frank Phelps moved to approve the January 24, 2024, minutes as mailed. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Sandy Helgeson moved to approve the February 21, 2024, financial report as presented. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Dave Helgeson moved to approve the list of bills the month of February needing approval as presented. Sharon DeVault seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FEBRUARY BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

General Operating

Logan SWCD – Rent February	\$ 289.83
Logan SWCD – printer lease (new printer)January	\$ 163.40
US Bank – Printer Lease Agreement – February (old printer)	\$ 780.83
Community Storage – storage unit lease – March	\$ 54.00
Elan Financial	\$ 53.63
Office Supplies – QuickBooks-online	\$ 32.18
Attentions Getters – Mailchimp	\$ 21.45
Erwin Insurance Agency – Board of Directors Liability	\$ 985.00

Contract Services

Victoria Boots – 9.25 hrs. @ \$25/hrs.	\$ 231.25
Board Meeting Prep, banking 11-15 through 12-31-2023	

President's Report – President Dustin Wickersham reported that Rep. Jon Cross has announced that \$5 million for dredging at Indian Lake is proposed to be part of the upcoming Capital Budget for the State of Ohio. The Indian Lake Advocacy Group will administer the funds according to the proposal. However, the proposal must pass the Senate to become part of the next Capital Budget. The Senate will address the matter after the April 10th recess. If it becomes a reality, it will be a good thing for Indian Lake.

Thank you to the Dredge Working Group for their work that has been done to date.

Ross Simpson, Eden Lakes, Inc. is scheduled to make a presentation at the next regularly scheduled board meeting to be held Wednesday, March 20th at the Indian Lake Community Church Lighthouse. The focus of the presentation will be on BioChars. This is a carbon filter product that can be used to filter nutrients from entering Indian Lake from the tributaries. This was a main concern from Dr. Jones' study. The nutrients become food for the aquatic weeds. Dr. Jones will also be presenting an update on the weeds and the shoreline survey that Restorative Lake Sciences is conducting at the March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nashville Hitmakers – Songwriters have been lined up for the upcoming concert. Flyers will be available for distribution during the Boat Show. Individuals can obtain additional information at the Nashville Hitmakers website-NashvilleHitmakers.com

Dredge Planning Working Group – Update to be provided during New Business portion of meeting.

Membership – To date there are 205 members who have renewed for 2024. A “Booze Tube” will be raffled off at the upcoming Boat Show thanks to Spend a Day. All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Indian Lake Watershed Project. An ad that will focus on 2024 Membership Drive is to be the March 1st edition of the Shopper's Edge. Individuals who sign up for a 2024 membership at the Boat Show will be eligible for the drawing of the Membership Basket that will be raffled off. The basket consists of numerous gift cards that will include family activities, couples' activities, and fishermen activities from various local businesses. Thank you Brenda Crabtree for your work on this project. Drawing for the gift basket will be held at the April ILWP board meeting.

Monitoring – The 2024 chemical testing will no longer be conducted by Brookside Labs in New Bremen, Ohio. This testing is no longer provided by their labs. Board Member Sharon DeVault is checking for other labs that provide this type of chemical testing.

H2Ohio Update – See attached report from Stephanie Howard.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update – The Line Item for the funding for the H2Ohio Grant which was reported to be \$750,000.00 is to be changed to \$7,500.00. After confirmation from Stephanie Howard, who is administering the state funds for the project, she informed us that ILWP will only receive the Administrative Portion of the budgeted funds (\$7,500.00). Thus creating the change in the H2Ohio funds in the 2024 budget.

Restorative Lake Sciences Erosion Survey Update – Per the agreement entered into with Restorative Lake Sciences, one-half of the contracted amount (\$12,500.00) will be paid before survey begins. The designated crew doing the survey is scheduled to be at the lake in March. Results of the survey and recommendations will be provided in an Executive Summary by the end of April.

NEW BUSINESS

EnviroScience Sediment Survey – Seven inquiries were submitted to qualified companies to provide proposals regarding the proposed Sediment Survey Project which is part of the ILWP's 9 Element Study. Five companies responded with proposals ranging from \$250,000 to \$55,000. After a discussion regarding the proposals, Frank Phelps moved we accept the proposal submitted by EnviroScience to provide their services to complete the Sediment Survey Project in the amount of \$55,000.00. Sharon DeVault seconded. Motion passed unanimously. EnviroScience will be providing a custom made pontoon to complete the survey activities out on the lake. The project has a completion date of March 31st. EnviroScience representatives indicated they are willing to train ILWP individuals/volunteers on the usage of the Sounding Poles to continue this project into the future. Therefore, equipment will be needed to be purchased to accomplish this task. Equipment that will be needed is a GPS unit, sounding poles (2), and possibly an ipad with case. Updates will be provided at the April board meeting. Members of the Dredge Working Group will be reaching out to the members of the Indian Lake Advocacy Group for their participation in the project. The agreement between EnviroScience and the Indian Lake Watershed Project has been submitted to the attorneys at Thompson, Dunlap and Heydinger for their approval regarding liability for our organization during the project.

Accounting/Bookkeeping – A contact was made to All Around Accounting to inquire about their bookkeeping services. They would be responsible for maintaining bookkeeping records that is necessary to provide information for the IRS Form 990. This being their busy income tax preparation period it was suggested that we meet with them after April 15th. More information to be provided at a later date.

Proposal to Sen. McColley for Shoreline Protection Project – President Dustin Wickersham reported that he will be working on submitting a proposal for a Shoreline Erosion Project that will be funded by state dollars and will be included in the next State of Ohio biennium budget. More information to be provided at upcoming board meetings.

ODNR Update – Preparations are in the process for the upcoming Maple Syrup Festival that will be held at the Indian Lake State Park Campgrounds in March.

Frank Dietz moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 P.M. Frank Phelps seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dave Helgeson and seconded by Brenda Crabtree to come out of Executive Session at 7:14 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building. There being no further business, a motion was made by Sharon DeVault and seconded by Brenda Crabtree to adjourn.