



## INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES May 21, 2025

The regularly scheduled May meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building. President Dustin Wickersham called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

### Board Members in Attendance:

Dustin Wickersham	President
Sharon DeVault	Treasurer
Brenda Crabtree	Member
Kay Daugherty	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Tom Langhals	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Gary Shick	Member
Molly Shick	Member

### Approval of Minutes

Dave Helgeson moved to approve the April 16, 2025, minutes as e-mailed. Gary Shick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Financial Report

Frank Phelps moved to approve the May 21, 2025, financial report as presented. Tom Langhals seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Bills

Gary Shick moved to approve the list of bills to be paid for the month of May as presented. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### MAY 2025 BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

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

Cardmember Services – Elan Financial Services	
Nashville Hitmakers - WIX.Com – March/April Hosting fees	\$ 75.07

**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
Website Design – Elle A. Design –	\$	152.50
Added Tile Repair Form to website	\$27.50	
Revised Membership for on website	\$25.00	
Updated Yearly goals on website	\$25.00	
Added Sediment Survey as blog to website	\$25.00	
Added Nashville Hitmakers section to website	\$50.00	
Storage Unit – Russells Point Storage Center – June lease	\$	54.00
Rent – Logan SWCD – April	\$	298.52
Printer/Copier Lease – 4-18-2025 – 5-18-2025	\$	132.88
Contract Services		
Victoria L. Boots – 4-15-2025 – 5-20-2025 31.5 @ \$30/hr.	\$	945.00
Membership database updates 2023-2025 and sent to Sharon & Dustin, Banking, Prepared Tax Exempt forms for Monitoring Equipment purchases, met with Erwin Ins. Re policy reviews, Bd. Meeting Prep, Bookkeeping update, Money Market activity		
Administrator Mileage		
Victoria L. Boots – Banking, took paperwork to Dustin and Sharon		
For signatures for new checking account, Inland Lake Fish Ohio Event, April Board Meeting – 139.2 mi. @ \$0.625/mi.	\$	87.00
Monitoring – PVC Signs for Monitoring Equipment	\$	135.14
Advertising – Miller Graphics – corrugated sign 5' x 18"	\$	67.50
Advertising – Reimburse Dustin Wickersham – photos for display	\$	19.26
Membership Dues – Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce 2025/2025	\$	100.00
Reimburse Citizens Federal Checking Account Debit Card Expenditures for Bathymetric Model Monitoring Supplies/Postage	(\$ 1,685.65)*	
Lowe's	\$1,095.98*	
Lakeview Hardware	\$ 157.85*	
Dollar General – coolers, ice paks	\$ 172.67*	
Pak Mail – postage to return damaged sampler	\$ 76.49*	

\*Expenditures to be reimbursed to the Indian Lake Watershed Project NOW Acct./Private Funds

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Dustin Wickersham reported that he/ILWP received a “thank you” from Governor Mike DeWine for the organization’s hosting of the 2025 Inland Fish Ohio Weekend Event that was held May 9-10. Also, a big “Thank You” went out to ODNR-Division of Wildlife for organizing the event. Everyone involved had a good time.

Condolences were extended to Board Member Tom Langhals and his wife, Jan for his family’s recent loss of their daughter-in-law with appreciation for the board’s support.

Dustin expressed appreciation to all the volunteers who provided help with the installations of water samplers and sondes at 10 different locations in the 4 Indian Lake tributaries. It was a couple days of hard work but the task got accomplished. Board members are encouraged to visit the auto sampler sites; interested individuals should coordinate with Brenda, Sharon, Gary, or Dustin for a site visit.

The weeds are back! The current state of the lake was addressed. Dustin referenced Dr. Jones, Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS), April survey report of the lake for ODNR. Dr. Jones clarified that ODNR's position on the management of the curly leaf pondweed is following her recommendation to not use the herbicide Galleon at this time, instead prioritizing the use of mechanical harvesting. This information was shared with ODNR representative, Josh Gardner, who confirmed that Galleon is only mentioned as a possible future option and not recommended for this year. Dustin informed everyone that the ILWP is not responsible for weed management and encouraged members to share accurate information with the community.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Dredge Working Group** – Members of the Dredge Working Group have been encouraged to develop a plan for the data received from the sediment readings collected by the Mud Trackers utilizing the cloud-based updates from field app inputs, especially in the areas of Dunn's Pond and Fox Island. The updated information will be posted on the ILWP website.

**Membership** – Board members were informed that a "Roundup Renewal" mailing was sent out to approximately 275 individuals who have not renewed their 2025 ILWP memberships. To date approximately 50 have been received. William Palmisano was the winner of the ILWP Membership that raffled off at the 2025 Indian Lake Boat Show. Mr. Palmisano was the lucky winner that was drawn at the April meeting. Efforts are underway to contact Mr. Palmisano, who is not a permanent resident of the lake area, to award him and his family of the all the goodies of the basket.

**Monitoring** – Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Project Coordinator Noah Ganson was not able to attend but informed Monitoring Committee Chairperson Sharon DeVault that he plans on pulling the macroinvertebrate traps that are currently located in the various locations in the tributaries on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**H2Ohio Update** – No report

## OLD BUSINESS

**EnviroScience Bathymetric Tributary Model Equipment Training Project** – President Dustin Wickersham updated board members of the status of the Bathymetric Tributary Model Equipment Training Project. The project is back on track following a disorganized start and scheduling delays due to missing supplies and all the wet events. A test run was conducted, and an incident occurred where one auto sampler nearly washed away at the County Road 96 location during a rain event but was retrieved thanks to quick action by Gary Shick and others. To date nine samplers have been placed in four tributaries. In addition, five sondes were deployed. With the potential of numerous mega sized hog facilities to be in operation in the watershed in the future, the importance of collecting baseline data before these facilities are in operation was stressed due their effect on sediment and nutrient loading.

**ILWP/Nashville Hitmakers Scholarship** – President Dustin Wickersham informed the board that the Nashville Hitmakers Scholarship was awarded to Daniel Wahl, a graduating Indian Lake High School Senior. A letter and certificate were presented to Daniel Annual ILHS Scholarship Assembly held Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be sent to Daniels' college after the completion of his first semester.

**State Line Item Funding** – President Dustin Wickersham and other members of the ILWP Board of Directors recently met with State Sen. Susan Manchester in Wapakoneta to discuss the upcoming state biennium budget. ILWP is again requesting \$250,000.00 in state funding for the various projects we are implementing at the lake. All in attendance felt it was a good meeting. A conference call is being scheduled with Sen. Rob McCauley. Details to be revealed at a later date.

**ILWP Insurance Policy Update** – President Dustin Wickersham reported that there has been no update on the ILWP equipment policy with Erwin Insurance. The board is seeking adequate insurance coverage for the recently purchased monitoring equipment for protection against theft, vandalism and weather-related risks, especially for the visible spillway site. To date no update has been received from Erwin Insurance Agency agent, Linda Erwin-Hutchins. More updates at next month's meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ODNR Update** – No update

**WPKO-LAKE GUIDE AD** – President Dustin Wickersham reported that he has been contacted by WPKO Advertising representative in regards to the placement of an ad in the 2025 edition of the WPKO Lake Guide. The cost of the full page ad is \$1206.06. In the past this ad cost and space was shared with Nashville Hitmakers. Since there will be no 2025 NHM concert, a motion was made by Brenda Crabtree and seconded by Kay Daugherty to place a "Thank You" ad focusing on the contributions from former Board Member Sandy Helgeson and Songwriter Even Stevens for their dedication to the success of the past several concerts. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will held 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Indian Lake State Park Campgrounds Multi-Purpose Building.