



INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

April 16, 2025

The regularly scheduled April meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, April 16, 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
Glenn Ammons	Member
Tony Beck	Member
Brenda Crabtree	Member
Frank Dietz	Member
Frank Giannola	Member
Stephanie Howard	Member
Tom Langhals	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

Guests in Attendance:

Heidi Whitman	Indian Lake State Park Manager
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Approval of Minutes

Tom Langhals moved to approve the March 19, 2025, minutes as mailed. Frank Phelps seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Glenn Ammons moved to approve the April 16, 2025, financial report as presented. Frank Giannola seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Frank Phelps moved to approve the list of bills to be paid for the month of April as presented. Glenn Ammons seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OUTSTANDING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH NEEDING APPROVAL

MARCH 2025 BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

CITIZENS FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN/PRIVATE FUNDS ACCOUNT

No Bills Needing Approval for month of March

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
Office Supplies – Staples-notebooks	\$ 341.50
Advertising – Miller Graphics – Signage for Boat Show	\$ 30.00
Storage Unit – Russells Point Storage Center – April lease	\$ 54.00
Rent – Logan SWCD – January	\$ 298.52
Printer/Copier Lease – 2-18 – 3-18-2025	\$ 132.88
Insurance – Erwin Insurance Agency – Board of Directors’ Liability – 2025	\$ 985.00
Insurance – Erwin Insurance Agency – Office Space/Equipment	\$ 530.00
EnviroScience Sediment Survey – Final Report	\$12,871.41

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – No President’s Report – Topics will be covered during the course of the meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dredge Working Group – Members of the Dredge Working Group in addition to Representatives from ODNR - Shaun Nixon, Brady Johnson, Tom Grabow, Jon Gardner, and Indian Lake State Park Manager Heidi Whitman met to review the Sediment Survey Report completed by EnviroScience. The continuing problem with dredge material relocation was a major topic. President Dustin Wickersham met with Ross Duff, Duff Quarry representative, to discuss the possibility of trucking dredge material to Duff’s Quarry. The suggestion was met with a favorable response. Areas around Dunn’s Pond, Chippewa and Avondale are the sites that will be scheduled for dredging this spring. Members of ODNR were informed that the members of the ILWP Mud Trackers would be collecting pre and post data at those locations. They were also informed about the new Tributary Monitoring Project that will begin as soon as the equipment is installed at the various sites in the four tributaries that enter into Indian Lake (North Fork and South Fork of the Great Miami River, Blackhawk, and Van Horn). The Dredge Working Group will continue to assess the dredging issues and progress of the monitoring project throughout the upcoming spring/summer season.

Membership – Membership Chairperson Brenda Crabtree drew the lucky winner of the 2025 ILWP Membership Basket. The winner was William Palmisano, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Palmisano will be contacted of his winning. The “Roundup Mailing” was sent out last week to the members who have not renewed for 2025 to date. Approximately 275 renewals were sent out. A possibility of having a volunteer in charge of the ILWP Membership Mailing list was suggested as a topic for discussion at the regular May ILWP Board Meeting.

Monitoring – Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Project Coordinator Noah Ganson was not able to attend but informed Monitoring Committee Chairperson Sharon DeVault that 10 Macroinvertebrate traps have been placed in various locations in the tributaries with an additional 10 in the process of being made and will be placed in additional sites in the tributaries. A database will be established with the findings from the collection of the various macroinvertebrates found at each location. These macroinvertebrates help determine the water quality within the tributary. This also helps determine the water quality that is flowing into the lake. A “Stream Day” at Beckham Bridge is being planned for the fall of 2025.

H2Ohio Update – Project Liaison and Board Member Stephanie Howard reported that the wetland plantings at the project site were completed on April 7th. A future ribbon cutting is being planned sometime later this spring. Suggestion was made to have the ribbon cutting coincide with Gov. DeWine's visit to the lake on the weekend of the Inland Lake Fish event. This may not be possible due to the short planning time. More information will be available at a later date.

Board members were reminded of the Inland Fishing Weekend Event, May 9th and 10th. Friday, May 9th, 6:30 P.M. there will be a reception at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building hosted by ILWP. The event is being organized by ODNR-Division of Wildlife. ODNR Director Mary Mertz along with various ODNR department heads will be in attendance as well as Gov. and Mrs. DeWine. The event is by invitation only. RSVP's must be received by Friday, April 18th. All members of the ILWP Board of Directors and spouses are invited. Woody's Diner will be furnishing the food for the event. Thank you Frank Phelps for your assistance with the meal planning for the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Edward Jones Money Market Account – Due to the planning and turnaround time that is involved with the current Edward Jones Money Market Checking Account which consists of the state funds that ILWP receives, it has been discussed to open a new checking account at Citizens Federal for those funds. This would simplify the accounting/bookkeeping process for those funds. After much discussion a motion was made by Frank Giannola and seconded by Brenda Crabtree to open a new Citizens Federal Checking Account for the ILWP State Funds. Motion passed unanimously. There will still be funds on deposit in the Edward Jones Money Market Account but there will be no operating expenses withdrawn from that account. The funds will only be transferred to the new Citizens account as needed.

EnviroScience Bathymetric Tributary Model Update – President Dustin Wickersham updated board members of the status of the Bathymetric Tributary Model project. The board previously approved up to \$130,000.00 for the equipment for the project. To date \$108,119.10 of the proposed \$130,000.00 has been spent for equipment. Sites have been selected for the sensors and samplers. Some locations that EnviroScience has selected do not have very safe logistics and will need to be revised. EnviroScience representatives will be at the lake the end of April for 2 days to set samplers and provide training to volunteers to operate. Additional landowner permission is needed to place samplers in some locations. An amendment to the original Scope of Services for Transport Modeling, date June 13, 2024. This proposal will create an additional task, Task Three: Tributary Sampling & Monitoring Support, which includes the following subtasks: (1) deploy auto-samplers and sondes, (2) Provide on-site training to ILWP stakeholders/volunteers on deployment and sampling procedures, and (3) provide real-time storm monitoring for three wet events and two dry events over the spring/summer of 2025. The funding requested for the amendment is an additional \$8,000.00. After much discussion a motion was made by Tony Beck and seconded by Brenda Crabtree to fund the additional Deployment Agreement with EnviroScience. Motion passed unanimously.

ILWP/Nashville Hitmakers Scholarship – The Indian Lake Scholarship Award Presentation is scheduled for Monday, May 12th, 6:30 P.M. President Dustin Wickersham will be presenting the scholarship to this year's recipient, Daniel Wahl. However, a question was raised regarding the presentation of the check. Do we present the check to the individual or send to the college? After much discussion a motion was made by Steve Terrill and seconded by Stephanie Howard to send the scholarship check to the recipient's college after the completion of the first semester. Motion passed unanimously. This alters the method that has been done in the past. Previously we have presented a check made payable to the recipient in the amount of the scholarship on the night of the award's assembly. A letter and certificate will be presented to the recipient the night of the event

explaining the process. Administrator Vicky Boots will be responsible for completing the transaction upon notification from the recipient's college after the completion of the 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 similar meeting is being considered with Sen. Rob McColley. Details to be revealed at a later date.

ILWP Insurance Policy Update – President Dustin Wickersham, Treasurer Sharon DeVault, Board Member Frank Phelps and Administrator Vicky Boots met with Erwin Insurance Agency Representative Linda Erwin-Hutchins to discuss the current ILWP insurance policies. Erwin Insurance Agency currently holds the policies for the office space/equipment which was revised. The policy included the former printer/copier that was leased which created a sizeable premium. Therefore, since ILWP no longer has that piece of equipment in our possession the premium was dropped from \$1019.00 to \$530.00. The policy that covered the weed harvesters and trailer were also discussed. Adding the recently purchased monitoring equipment for the tributary monitoring project to that policy was discussed but no decision was made. Additional information was needed before a final decision was made. The board of directors' liability coverage was also discussed with no amendment. It was a good meeting and everyone agreed it should be an annual event.

NEW BUSINESS

Judge O'Connor Memorial Donation – Word has been received that longtime supporter of the Indian Lake Watershed Project, Judge Mark O'Connor, has passed away. Mark, whose agriculture land is adjacent to the lake, has made sure that good water quality practices are implemented on the land to protect the waters from nutrient and sediment run-off. Mark and wife, Martha, have provided accommodations for the songwriters for the Nashville Hitmakers concert for the past 14 years. Many memories were established during those days at the lake by those songwriters. Therefore, after much discussion a motion was made by Tom Langhals and seconded by Brenda Crabtree that a \$500.00 donation be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in memory of Judge O'Connor. Glenn Ammons-yes; Tony Beck-yes; Brenda Crabtree-yes; Sharon DeVault-yes; Frank Dietz-yes; Frank Giannola-yes; Stephanie Howard-yes; Tom Langhals-yes; Steve Terrill-yes; Dustin Wickersham-yes; Frank Phelps-abstained. Motion passed.

ODNR Update – No update

There being no further business Steve Terrill moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenn Ammons seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will held 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Indian Lake State Park Campgrounds Multi-Purpose Building.

