



INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
May 15, 2024

The regularly April meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, May 15, 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
Kay Daugherty	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Sandy Helgeson	Member
Tom Langhals	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Darlene Shick	Member
Gary Shick	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

Approval of Minutes

Frank Dietz moved to approve the April 17, 2024, minutes as mailed. Sandy Helgeson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Tom Langhals moved to approve the May 15, 2024, financial report as presented. Gary Shick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Dave Helgeson moved to approve the list of bills the month of May needing approval as presented. Kay Daugherty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MAY BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

General Operating

Logan SWCD – Rent March	\$ 289.83
Logan SWCD – printer lease (new printer)April 18-May 18	\$ 130.48
US Bank – Printer Lease Agreement – May (old printer)	\$ 780.83
Community Storage – Storage Unit – May (\$54.00/Late Fee \$20.00)	\$ 74.00
Elan Financial	\$2,555.60
Fondriest Environmental –	
Receiver for Sediment Survey	\$2,495.00
Office Supplies – QuickBooks-online	\$ 32.18
Attentions Getters – Mailchimp	\$ 21.45
Kevin Campbell Photography – video production	\$ 500.00

Contract Services

Victoria Boots – 20.75 hrs @ \$30/hrs.

\$ 622.50

Board Meeting Prep, General administrative duties, Membership updates

President's Report – President Dustin Wickersham informed board members that the newsletter project is going well and is expected to be mailed to current membership in the coming weeks. Board Member Kay Daugherty introduced her neighbor and a long-time supporter of the Indian Lake Watershed Project Susan Musick. Susan has recognized the work of the watershed project for many years. After the passing of her husband she felt it was more than fitting in remembrance of him and his love of the lake to make a substantial donation to the organization. Susan presented a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be used toward the many projects that are being planned during the coming months. Thank you so much Susan for your generosity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nashville Hitmakers – The line-up for this year's event has been set and all are looking forward to a weekend at the lake. This year's List of Hall of Fame Songwriters includes: James Slater, Thom Schuyler, Rafe VanHoy, Mike Loudermilk, Alison Prestwood and of course Even Stevens. The group will be accompanied by the A-List Studio Band. Tickets are printed and will be going on sale by the first of June.

Dredge Planning Working Group – An EnviroScience representative will be in the area Tuesday, May 21st to train watershed volunteers on gathering sediment sounding data. Training will be held at ILWP Board Member Brenda Crabtree's home on Orchard Island. If you are interested in participating, plan on meeting next Tuesday.

The Ohio State House of Representatives has approved \$5 million bill to be designated for Indian Lake's dredging program. The bill has been passed to the Senate and is awaiting their approval.

Membership – Pat Keenan, Tecumseh Island resident and long-time supporter of the watershed project was the winner of this year's ILWP Membership basket. Membership Committee Chairperson Brenda Crabtree and President Dustin Wickersham will be delivering the basket which contained over \$800 gift cards and goodies from various local businesses.

Monitoring – The Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) monitoring program provided by Ohio Lake Management Society (OLMS) will be under different supervision this year with the retirement of Susan James who has provided those services for several years. Therefore, we are awaiting word from OLMS on the guidelines for this year's project. MASI, a lab from Plain City, Ohio, will be the source for testing of samples collected from the tributaries. The first collection of the tributary sites was collected in April.

Legislative – By-Laws revision committee – A By-Laws Revision Committee has been formed to review the current ILWP By-Laws. The committee members are: Kay Daugherty, Chairperson; Sharon DeVault, Gary Shick, and Vicky Boots. We are awaiting the passage of the bill designating the funding for the dredging program for Indian Lake.

Scholarship – This year's recipient of the Indian Lake Watershed Project's Jay Webb Memorial Scholarship was Hannah Metzger. Hannah is a recent graduate of Indian Lake High School and will be attending Muskingum College in the fall. She will be majoring in Environmental Science. Hannah was presented a scholarship check in the amount of \$750.00. Congratulations Hannah and best of luck in your college endeavors.

OLD BUSINESS

EnviroScience Proposal for AutoSamplers – ILWP Board President Dustin Wickersham and Monitoring Chairperson Sharon DeVault met with Daniel from EnviroScience to discuss the proposal for the AutoSampler Project. This project will address the annual sediment flowing into the lake from the 4 tributaries: South Fork, North Fork, Blackhawk Run and Van Horn Creek, that flow into Indian Lake. The AutoSamplers will be placed into the mouth of the tribs and collect the sediment as it enters the lake. The equipment consists of 2-6700 series AutoSamplers for a total equipment cost of \$68,000.00. The engineering that is needed for each particular location is estimated at \$15,000.00 for a total cost of \$83,000.00. Data collection is key for the project and is very necessary for tributary improvement. Frank Phelps moved to approve the cost of the AutoSampler Project up to \$90,000.00. Gary Shick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that we investigate insuring the equipment.

Ross Simpson – BioChar Project – President Dustin Wickersham reported that he has been in contact with Dr. Jennifer Jones, Restorative Lake Sciences, regarding the BioChar project. Dr. Jones indicated she has been in contact with Mr. Simpson regarding a potential trial area in the Blackhawk Run tributary. More information will be provided at the June ILWP Board Meeting.

Grand Lake Improvement Association – Keith Estrick – Tornado Tree Replacement Project – Board President Dustin Wickersham reported that he has been contacted by Keith Estrick, member of the Grand Lake Improvement Association organization, in regards to a potential tree replacement program to address the number of trees that were lost, damaged in the March 14th Indian Lake tornado. Grand Lake Improvement Association proposed to contribute up to \$2500.00 toward the project. In addition, ILDC will be asked to contribute \$2500.00 towards the project. ILWP is also asked to contribute \$2500.00 for a total amount of Frank Phelps seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ODNR Update – Officer Mike Rohrer, ODNR, will be sharing duties with Officer Powell to patrol Indian Lake than in the past. State Park representative Shawn reported that 2 weed harvesters are in operation and have removed approximately 15,000 cubic yards of weeds in the Moundwood to TR 94 and around location. Individuals with fishing sonar installed on their boats are very useful for the location of tornado debris material. Zone 1 location area is Fox Island and Zone 2 is area near the Lady of Fatimah statue. Individuals are advised to use milk jugs painted with orange paint for debris location. Dredge team is awaiting permit approval to begin dredging for 2024 season. The area near Dunn's Pond, Turkeyfoot to Tilton Hilton and up to Acheson's will be area of focus.

There being no further business Steve Terrill 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, June 19, 2024, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building.