

Wixom Lake Improvement Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2015  
Billings Township Hall

Meeting called to order by Chairman Doug Enos – 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Wilma Thurston , Robert Kelley , Doug Enos, Robert Evans, Dennis McBride  
Ray Drumright, Jim Leigeb , and Sandra Aultman

Board Members Absent: Larry Woodard

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler and intern from Progressive AE; Bre Grabill and intern from PLM  
Lake and Land Management Corp, 1 member of public.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the July 8 2015 meeting

Motion to accept and file minutes by Dennis McBride and seconded by Wilma Thurston.

Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Hausler provided board with a packet of information that included 1) project work journal detailing work from Jan 1 2015 through August 5 2015 and 3) treatment and harvest maps from aquatic plant surveys conducted July 8th and July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>. Paul commented that harvesting was about 75% done and that he added an additional 4 acres of harvest where the new areas are largely in spots connecting areas already scheduled for harvesting. Paul also quickly reviewed a new aquatic plant survey conducted 8/12 He indicated that last treatments worked well. He identified a few areas of algae and weeds in need of treatment. Discussion ensued on the benefit / lack of benefit of additional treatments this season in light of potential drawdown after Labor day.

Motion to proceed with proposed treatment by Bob Evans and seconded by Robert Kelley.

Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

There was question from public about the use of specific herbicides for treatments near his residence in light of depth and position of his well. Bre Grabill addressed the question and spoke to rules that are followed with respect to the distance from shore that different products can be used and that all chemicals used during a treatment (even if not used in a specific location) are posted on the notification sheet.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Chairman Enos provided a draft of FOIA procedures and guidelines for the Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB) that is based on procedures and guidelines recommended by an association of counties that both Midland and Gladwin counties belong to. He indicated that the documentation lacked a required fee calculation sheet (which would soon be available) but was otherwise complete. WLIB is not in compliance with FOIA due to new rules effective July 1 2015. There was considerable discussion about FOIA and implications of being out of compliance.

Motion for WLIB to adopt the procedures and guidelines document made by Dennis McBride and seconded by Robert Kelley. Roll call vote:

Yes: Thurston, McBride, Enos, Aultman, Kelley

No: Evans, Drumright, Leigeb

Motion carried 5-3.

Board members to review newly adopted WLIB FOIA procedures and guidelines document and suggest edits (if any needed) at next board meeting.

Robert Evans submitted a financial statement showing that as of 7/31/2015 the Wixom Lake Improvement Board balance was \$184,933.00.

Two invoices from PLM for treatment of the lake were submitted for payment. Paul indicated that treatments were effective and that he approves payment. Invoice 147114 for treatment on 7/15/2015 for \$10,229.42 and invoice 147143 for treatment on 7/16/2015 for \$33,579.21. Bob Evans made a motion to pay the invoices. Jim Leigeb seconded the motion. All board members present approved. Motion carried.

There are pending invoices for Aug 5 treatment and harvesting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dennis McBride, seconded by Sandra Aultman. All board member present approved. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm.

Next meeting

Wednesday September 9th, 2015 at 6 pm

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Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright