

WIGGINS LAKE LEVEL AUTHORITY BOARD
Held at Sage Township Hall
May 16, 2023

Meeting called to order by Terry Walters at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Terry Walters

Present: Ron Taylor, Terry Walters, Mike Hermann, and Lucy Zeestraten

Absent: Rick Dvorak and Renee Zelt

Motion to approve minutes of September 20, 2022, by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Hermann. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: None

Motion by Ron Taylor to nominate Terry Walters for chair 2nd by Mike Hermann. All in favor motion carried.

There was discussion on whether Rick Dvorak wants to stay on the Wiggins Lake Level board. He will be asked at the Wiggins Lake Improvement board meeting. Terry Walters asked Mike Rajt if Rick Dvorak stepped down would he want to take his place on the board? Mike R. said let me think about it.

Motion by Ron Taylor to nominate Mike Hermann as Secretary/Treasurer 2nd by Terry Walters. All in favor motion carried.

Financial ledgers received and filed.

Ron Taylor explained why this change needed to be made. Motion by Ron Taylor to move the Wiggins Lake Level board meetings from 7:00am to 7:30pm 2nd Terry Walters. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mike Hermann explained his 10yr budget and why he feels that we should start the assessment again to make sure we have adequate operating funds. His initial thought was to create a reserve. Mike went on to explain that having the failure on the pond is perfect example of why we should do this. Mike had added known expenses that he was aware of. He figured that the assessment should be about \$7.00 a unit. There was discussion on the assessment. Mike Rajt thinks we should assess at \$10.00 to \$12.00 to build up a reserve. Ron Taylor feels that we should start putting the word out, so people know we are thinking about this. This will be brought up at the Wiggins Lake POA meeting. Mike Hermann is going to work on the budget to get a better understanding of what the assessment should be per unit. Mike said we are allowed 15% contingency.

There was discussion on the Dam house and where the crack is. There was a discussion on the Letter of Agreement for Spice Group. Ron wanted a better understanding of the cost of the auxiliary pond, Chappel Dam and the soil borings on the berm. There was more discussion on the berm between the auxiliary pond and Wiggins Lake. There was also some discussion on the auxiliary pond and the Road Commissions input on it culvert that runs under the road. Motion by Ron Taylor to approve Terry Walters to sign the Letter of Agreement 2nd by Mike Hermann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Taylor asked if there has always been an assessment for operations. Mike Rajt answered that there was a assessment continuously for operations from the late 60's early 70's. It was discontinued by Sherry Agustine when she was going to build the new dam. The dormmate one was reinstated in 2018. That allowed to build up some money that would need to be done.

Terry let the board know that a grant has been offered by the State of Michigan and we have applied for new

cameras for both Chappel Dam and Sugar Springs, life jackets and a through ring. Lucy explained that the projects had to go to the state, and they will let us know when a discission was make. We are currently waiting to hear the discission.

Ron Taylor didn't want everything paid no matter the cost. Lucy stated that we will look over the invoices and if it is felt that the board should approve the invoice then it will be brought to the board at the next board meeting to be approved. Motion by Ron Taylor to approve the drain office to pay incoming invoices 2nd by Mike Hermann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Taylor asked if Lucy was going to post the meetings. Lucy explained that she will post the meeting changes in the paper after they are approved at the Lake Improvement board meetings.

Mike Rajt gave an update on the Tempest issue. Mike Rajt has served as the attorney promo for Wiggins Lake about the Ewon system. Mike states there is a discrepancy about how much is owed back to Wiggins Lake from Tempest. Mike feels that the filing fees alone would be more than what's owed, so suing isn't an option. He is supposed to hear back from Brian from Tempest and if they release the account then Wiggins Lake will let bygones be bygones. Mike Rajt is waiting to hear back from HMS. This will be tables till the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm by Ron Tyalor

Respectfully submitted.
Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary