

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD – WIGGINS LAKE
Held at Sage Township Hall
August 15, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mike Rajt at 7:06p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Rajt

Present: Mike Rajt, Rick Dvorak, Ron Taylor, and Terry Walters.

Also Present: Rick Buteyn Progressive AE

Absent: Renee Zelt

Additions to the agenda: None

Correspondence: None

Motion to approve August 15, 2023, minutes by: Terry Walters, Seconded by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Received and file account ledger.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rick Buteyn gave his overview of the lake. The current condition of the lake is pretty good. There is a little bit of algae here and there but not as bad in previous years. There is some Asian Milfoil around the shoreline. Not enough to currently treat but we will treat it in the spring. The harvesting went really well this year. They were able to harvest a much larger than we anticipated which resulted in more bio mast out of the lake, less floaters on the lake. Very pleased with it. Mike asked what did it average us acre to harvest? Rick stated it was roughly in the 2 hundreds. Treating the Wild Celery would have been in the 300 range. We saved money and didn't have to put copper in the lake. Rick recommends moving forward next year with the same program of treat Milfoil, harvest Wild Celery where we can. Mike asked about Phoslock. Rick stated that he thought Pholock did help this year. They didn't see as much algae as they usually do. Before we commit to doing 2 treatments next year let's do 1 in the spring in April like we did the last 2 years. Let's wait and see if we need to do another one. This will be based on what Rick sees on the surveys throughout the summer. Mike asked about Turtle Bay and Rick stated that it looked pretty good compared to the past. Rick recommends doing South Bay and Turtle Bay in the spring and re-evaluate it. Rick Devorak asked if we could participate in a pre-buy like we did last year? Rick will have to ask PLM if we can do that. Rick also stated that they did keep their prices the same moving forward for this year. Not expecting them to raise prices and there is supposed to be another version of Phoslock coming out. Ron asked if the price would go down? Rick stated if C-pro releases their product there will be competition. C-pro is hesitant about information on permitting. Rick isn't sure if it will be released next year or not. Ron asked if that product would be out in time to save money and Rick doesn't know. Mike Rajt thinks we should prepay 1 treatment. There was discussion on should they lock in on a price. Motion to negotiate to buy enough Phoslock for 1 treatment for South Bay and Turtle Bay by Rick Devorak. 2nd by Terry Walters. All in favor. Motion carried. Mike Hermann asked where the river comes into the lake, there is a big floating mass. What is that? Rick states it's Elodea it's a native plant and what is doing is holding onto all of the algae. Mike Rajt stated it

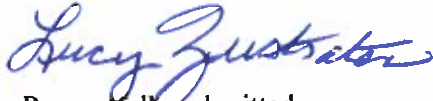
is a great habit for fish. The existence of Elodea is a sign of a healthy lake.

Motion to adopt the meeting schedule for 2024 by Ron Taylor. 2nd by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Dvorak, supported by Ron Taylor.
All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucy Zeestraten". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Respectfully submitted.
Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary,