LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD – WIGGINS LAKE
Held at Sage Township Hall
Tuesday August 20, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mike Rajt at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Rajt

Present: Mike Rajt, Ron Taylor, Lucy Zeestraten and Rick Dvorak
Also Present: Rick Buteyn Progressive, and Jacob DeBoer from Progressive

Absent: Renee Zelt and Terry Walters

Additions to the agenda: None

Correspondence: Email from Laurie Morrison from Mike Rjat's Facebook post. Mike commented on the Facebook post that he posted.

Motion to approve July 16, 2024, minutes by Ron Taylor, Seconded by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Received and file account ledger. Lucy Zeestraten read the balance of $35,291.24. Invoices from PLM was sent before the meeting are as follows Invoice 6000595 for $2,649.34, Invoice 6000610 for $447.50 and Invoice 6000632 $905.10.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Rjat discussed the Wild Celery harvest a when would be the good time to harvest. There was also discussion on how the harvest went and some complaints about bout the lake was with the harvest. There was also discussion on the algae bloom that happened in front of Mr. Furst. Rick Buteyn gave an update on lake. The conditions look really good. They just did an algae treatment, but the only bad thing is there is a lot of Wild Celery floating. There are also a lot of white Celery seeds floating on the lake and that's how the Wild Celery reproduces. The harvesting didn't cause a lot more floaters. Rick feels that it came from the really busy weekend before. There is a timing for harvesting and sometimes you're on time and sometimes you're too early or to late. One of the conditions that made it bad was the 3 days of north winds. It pushed the floaters to an area that normally doesn't receive them. Ron Taylor asked about the up and downs in the temperatures. Rick stated if anything we might experience short lived algae blooms. They did an algae treatment last Thursday and Mike stated that we can't treat more frequently then 14 days between treatments. Rick stated it would be around the 29th or 30th but it would be Copper Sulfite and there are no swimming restrictions. South Bay may need another treatment. Mike asked Rick to explain how the Pholock works. Rick explained that the Phoslock is applied in a slurry to the bottom lands by the applicator (PLM). It is a granular product that they mix in their tank and applied. They have a Rule 97 EGLE permit to apply to waters of the state. There is no usage restrictions or swimming restrictions. It creates a thin layer on the bottom sediments, and it locks in phosphorus that tries to release from those sediments. Adding a Phoslock treatment that binds with phosphorus very tightly, so it becomes unactive. Mike asked it Rick recommended another treatments and Rick stated not at this time. What we really need is a hard winter to help knock the weeds down. Brittle Naiad that was

saw in Turtle Bay. It typically doesn't grow to nuisance densities, but it can, and they will keep an eye on it. It does respond to herbicides or harvesting. It doesn't spread through fragmentation like Mil Foil does. Mike asked for an update on the Stary Stone Wart issue. Rick stated that they found some, but it was looking brown and that means that it was impacted by the previous treatment. It is advised to keep out of the area. Mark Fedewa asked about putting signs in the area to keep boaters out and will the Stary Stone Wart be an issue next year? Rick stated that most lakes don't go to the length to put signs up. There was more discussion on this. There was a question from Mike about the Mil Foil. What happens if it dies. Rick stated it turns drown and goes to the bottom. He stated he needs to rake it out. Rick Buteyn states that you risk having fragments floating away and establish in other places. More discussion on when the right time would be to rake. Treatment is usually in May or early June.

There is discussion changing the meetings for next year to 5:30pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike (property owner on the lake) wanted to publicly thank Mike Rjat for coming to his house twice this past week. Once on my request and a second time unannounced to me to just express for the South end of the lake to see the debris that was left from the harvesting. He had cleaned it all up and the next morning it was all back, and you would hardly see any water. His appeal to Mike the other day was I understand you can't control mother nature, but I hope there was some lessons learned from the experience of this year. Everything I have heard is this is very abnormal with the amount of debris that was on the lake. I would like to think that inspections would happen a little earlier so the harvesting can be done earlier. Mike Rjat comments that this was the first time they had floaters in the South Bay. It's been a fluke with the wind. As bad as it was by you guys the people by Peace Haven stacked up about a foot deep all the way out to the ends of their docks. This was one weekend, and this is what prompted to start harvesting. The real problem is mother nature has the ace in the hole and you can't win, you can only get lucky. Mike (property owner) claims its nobody's fault but there has been an unbelievable amount effort to try to see the water. If something can be done in the future that's all I'm appealing to the board for is just to stay on top of it. I'm not hear to grouch. Mike Rajt stated that he understands. Everyone has been there. It all depends on how the wind blows and how much stuff is pulled up. We are working on it and hopefully it will be better next year. Mike (property owner) wanted to come to an open forum and express about it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Lucy Zeestraten

Respectfully submitted.
Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary,