Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2024

Meeting called to order at Billings Township Hall by Chairman Joe Sova at 6:00 pm

Pledge of allegiance recited.

Roll call of board members. Board members present: Carol Ayers, Larry Woodard, Jeanette Snyder, Joe Sova, Terry Walters, Ray Drumright, Robert Kelley, Tami O'Donnell
Board Members Absent: Don Zakett
Others in Attendance: Norma Stuart, Deputy Midland County Drain Commissioner; Lucy Zeestraten, Deputy Gladwin County Drain Commissioner; Paul Hausler from Progressive Companies; Tim Mester, Billings Township Supervisor; 3 members of the public.

Review and approval of agenda. Agenda was presented with an opportunity to add items. Tami O'Donnell made a motion to amend the agenda by adding discussion of potential arrangements to pay expected invoices from Wixom Lake Association for mowing that is soon to be completed since there is no November WLIB meeting and to then accept the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Synder. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of minutes from 9/26/24 WLIB meeting. Jeanette Synder made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tami O'Donnel. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters. A financial statement showing a balance of $150,114.60 was presented by Chairman Sova. Tami O'Donnell made a motion to receive and file the financial report which was seconded by Larry Woodard. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Three invoices from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp dated 9/30/24 totaling $11,500 for herbicide treatment of phragmites (invoice 6000704 for $1,150; invoice 6000703 for $2,400; invoice 6000705 for $7,950) and an invoice (00199901) from Progressive Companies dated 10/1/34 totaling $9722.50 for contract services and drone photography were presented and discussed. Tami O'Donnell made a motion to pay all of the invoices totaling $21222.50 which was seconded by Larry Woodard. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mowing in the Thomas Shores area will be completed soon with invoices for the work from WLA expected shortly thereafter. Since there is no November WLIB meeting, payment of these invoices would be delayed unless the board takes action to facilitate payment. Robert Kelley made a motion to empower Chairman Sova to authorize payment of WLA invoices for mowing that are due prior to the next WLIB meeting after review of the work and approval of satisfactory completion by the board's consultant from Progressive Companies (e.g. Paul Hausler). Carol Ayers seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Hausler provided a project work journal for activity that has happened in 2024 and commented on the successful mowing and recent phragmite treatments. A full summary report will be presented at the December WLIB meeting that includes composite maps of treated and mowed areas. The window for treating phragmites this season has closed. The next opportunity for treatment is expected in June 2025. Paul recommends mowing of the stands of phragmites that have been treated. Mowing removes biomass and makes it easier to ascertain if the stand is completely dead next spring. If not completely

dead, mowing now makes retreatment easier and more effective. Mowing also mitigates fire hazard. Paul does NOT recommend mowing of phragmites that have not been treated as that facilitates spreading.

There was discussion about the mowing of dead stands of phragmites. Since mowing of these dead phragmites was not explicit in the original direction given to the mowing contractor a motion to make it explicit was entertained. The result of further discussion was that Robert Kelley made a motion and then modestly revised it to authorize mowing of dead phragmites which was seconded by Carol Ayers. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Jim Kalahar. 5181 Wixom Dr. Wanted to make sure that his address was updated on PLM's mailing list such that he receives communications about treatments at his residence on Wixom Lake.

Jerry Wyatt. 4681 Hill Dr. He and neighbors have been mowing lake bed and stopped when they reached a stand of phragmites. Paul told him that was the correct action. Phragmites will be treated next season and then 4-6 weeks after that they can be mowed. Jerry indicated that if the area gets mowed, he and his neighbors can then maintain it.

Mike Flatt. Has brother on Bay Drive interested in paying off sewer assessment. Billings township supervisor (Tim Mester) present at meeting and will get him connected to the right place.

End Public Comment

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn by Robert Kelley was seconded by Carol Ayers. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. 6:36 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Drumright