LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD – WIGGINS LAKE
Hearing Minutes
Held at Sage Township Hall
June 30, 2025

Hearing called to order by Mike Rajt at 7:00 p.m.
Mike Rajt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Alan Donaldson, Terry Walters, Rick Dvorak and Mike Rajt
Absent: Renee Zelt
Also present: Rick Buteyn from Progressive AE
Correspondence: Handouts from Progressive AE.

Hearing:

Mike Rajt called to order the public hearing on Practicability of the 2026-2030 Project and the turned the meeting over to Rick Buteyn from Progressive AE.
Rick explained what the project will include in the 2026-2030 project. Rick presented a budget and explained the budget in full. The budget is to establish a ceiling for assessments to be collected each year. If there is too much of a surplus the board and lower the assessment. The goal of the project is to address invasive aquatic plant species. The main weeds targeted are Eurasian Milfoil, Curly-leaf pondweed and Starry Stonewort. Rick explained the chemicals that will be used for each weed. Rick also explained the permitting process for Wiggins Lake. These are permits are received from EGLE. Native plant species and algae may only be treated within 100ft of a developed shoreline, 100ft of each property, out 100ft from shore or 5ft contour. Whatever comes first. There are also herbicide restrictions the DNR has put into place. We have good control of exotic species offshore, that has allowed the native planet community to thrive. There is a lot of Elodea and Wild Celery to grow offshore. Rick explained what the plants look like and how they grow. There will always be plants in the lake. We are trying to balance recreation and ecology of the lake. The board has approved harvesting the Wild Celery from lake. Rick continues to explain algae control and nutrient inactivation with the chemicals that are used and how they work. Rick explains Lake management Consulting and Progressive's roll in that. They will keep an eye on the lake and make recommendations to the board about treatments or harvesting. Their only objective is to do what is best for the lake.

Comments: Mike opened to public comments. There are some questions regarding the project from the public. Matt Yard 120-034-300-003-05 protested the assessment. Martin and Oda Martin 120-033-103-001-10 protested the assessment.

Motion to close Public Hearing of Practicability by Rick Dvorak. Seconded by Alan Donaldson. Roll call vote 4 Yas and 0 Nays. Motion carried. Resolution is adopted.

Special Assessment Roll Hearing:
Special Assessment Roll public hearing. There were public questions about the assessment district and how the assessment is set up. Motion to close Hearing of the Special Assessment Roll Hearing by Terry Walters. Seconded by Rick Dvorak. Roll call vote 4 Yas and 0 Nays. Motion carried. Roll is adopted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Donaldson and seconded by Rick Dvorak

All in Favor: motion carried.
Hearing adjourned at 7:25p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary.

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