

CLIFFORD LAKE

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

MEETING

April 15, 2009

A meeting of the Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 15th day of April 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Otto at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Otto, Chairman
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

John Johansen, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

Steve Dawdy, Member
Douglass Township Representative

Don Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Montcalm County Deputy Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: Larry Deuel, Member
Douglass Township Representative

ALSO Tony Groves, Progressive AE

PRESENT:

A motion was made by John Johansen and seconded by Don to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve and seconded by John Johansen to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried. (Note: The date of the meeting was wrong and was corrected to March 11, 2009)

Public Comment

None

OLD BUSINESS

Sonar Treatment/DEQ Decision

Tony reported that he talked to Eric Bacon at the DEQ today. He has sent his recommendation on the use of Sonar to treat this year to his supervisor, Rich Hobrle. He is not sure if Rich will make a determination or if he will refer the issue on up to management level. They will have to make a decision soon as there is a time limitation between the date of the application and the date of issue. An answer is needed very soon so as to get notices out to the lake residents. The board discussed an appeal process if the permit is denied. John Johansen feels the board needs to be aware of the appeal process so no time is lost in getting it started once the permit is denied. Steve commented that it doesn't make sense to deny this permit when sonar has been used by almost every other

lake in the county with a lake improvement board. John Otto and Don are willing to go to the DEQ to argue our case if necessary.

Newsletter

Tony presented the board with a draft of the newsletter to be mailed out soon. He needs to know what the sonar treatment decision from DEQ is before mailing. The treatment notice is to be included and an article explaining the problem dealing with the DEQ's reluctance to issue the permit.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Steve to approve the newsletter contingent upon on approval for the weed treatment. Motion carried.

New Business

None

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by John Johansen and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m.. Motion carried.

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board

State of Michigan }
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County of Montcalm }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on April 15, 2009 and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner, which is the principal office of the Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner