

**DUCK LAKE**  
**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2008**

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A meeting of the Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W Main, Stanton, Michigan on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sandborn at 2:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Marv Sandborn, Chairman  
Abutting Property Owners Representative

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Marie Nico, Member  
Crystal Township Representative

Bob Gagne, Member  
Crystal Township Representative

Jack McCrackin, Member  
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO

PRESENT: Pam Tynning, Progressive AE  
Margaret Gagne, Michael Stuck, Steve Crouse, Ron Massanari, Ron Harter

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Don to accept the agenda with an addition under New Business for Progressive's Contract.. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Marie to approve the minutes from August 28, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

Liaison Committee Report

None

Old Business

Weed Control Update

Marv reported that he received several calls this year in regards to the harvest. Some people felt that the harvest didn't do any good. Masses of dead weeds are floating into shore.

Stuck: Milfoil in front of his home is very thick.

Harter: Wondered if chemicals would work better than harvesting.

Pam: Can't treat out farther than 300 feet from the shoreline.

235 loads of weeds were removed from the lake this year. The Board would like to see the harvesting done before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July next year. Can't determine now the best time to cut next year as it depends on the weather and weed growth.

Dredge/Sediment Testing

Letter Regarding Lake Study

Bob had found information on the internet regarding lake studies done by MSU and CMU and Crystal Lake was one that had been studied. The board discussed sending a letter to the geology department of each university to see if they would be interested in doing a study for Duck Lake.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bob to send a letter of inquiry to both MSU & CMU and attach a copy of the background history prepared by Pam. Motion carried.

New Business

Progressive's Contract

Pam presented a proposed contract for services to be provided by Progressive in 2009. The board wants wording added to allow termination of the contract if the board is not happy with the service provided.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bob to approve the contract with Progressive with the addition of the termination language and to authorize Marv to sign the contract on behalf of the board. Motion carried.

Pam asked the board if they want to advertise for bids for next year or if they prefer to extend existing contracts for chemical application and harvesting.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Jack to extend the contracts with both contractors. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jack introduced Steve Crouse who will be replacing him as the board of commissioners' representative on the lake board. Jack did not seek reelection this term and Steve was elected to fill the vacancy.

Ron Harter asked why the floating bog has not yet been removed. Pam advised the board that a permit from the DEQ is required to remove the mass. It was suggested that maybe the bog could be cut off once the lake freezes over.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Don and seconded by Jack to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. Motion carried.

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Don Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer

Dated: November 10, 2008

State of Michigan )

) ss:

County of Montcalm )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Duck Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on November 10, 2008 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 Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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Donald E. Cooper  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner