

DICKERSON LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING

October 5, 2009

A meeting of the Dickerson Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 5th day of October 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kebler at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Carol Kebler, Chairperson
Sidney Township Representative

John Johansen, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

Ken Weller, Member
Douglass Township Representative

Ginny White-Linn, Member
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

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

ALSO
PRESENT: Kurt Koella, Lakeshore Environmental
Sandy Raines, Deputy Drain Commissioner

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

A motion was made by Ginny and seconded by John to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2009 meeting as presented Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

2009 Weed Control Program

The board reviewed some of the problems encountered with this year's lake management program. They are not been happy with Jennifer's performance in overseeing the program.

- The program went about \$5,000 over budget;
- the harvester did not cut all areas indicated on the map but did cut some areas that were not marked on the map and charged for the extra time;
- Jennifer doesn't take responsibility for her errors;
- Jennifer wants to get the money from next year's budget to pay for the amounts over budget this year which will leave the budget short for next year's program
- She doesn't follow through on details
- Surveys, harvesting, etc were not done on schedule
- The harvester had not surveyed the lake prior to the harvest so he was not familiar with the lake
- Dump sites were not located prior to the harvest
- Cut weeds were dumped on land owners lots and not cleaned up in a timely manner
- There was no contract with the harvester.
- Lack of communication
- Jennifer will sometimes send another employee to represent her at the board meetings. That person is not familiar with the program and can not answer the board's questions or give up to date information when needed.

Carol feels Jennifer is trying to make an effort to make corrections for the errors, but she feels Lakeshore is responsible for the overrun of funds.

Jennifer and Carol surveyed the whole lake together. Milfoil is back in a few areas and the blue algae was also spotted.

Kurt apologized for the problems and assured the board he has discussed them with Jennifer. He has been out of the loop too much and needs to improve supervision. Jennifer believed that if Brent could get more plants out and get them out by the roots, there would less to take care of next year and it would save money on next year's treatment.

Kurt wants an opportunity to talk to Brent about the work performance and the billing. Lakeshore will prepare a contract between them and Brent and pay him for the work actually done. There is a balance in the budget for \$10,070 that can be applied to Brent's bill, however the board does not want to pay that bill until some of the issues have been resolved.

Kurt needs to know if the board will continue to use Lakeshore and if they still want to work with Jennifer. They could have Jennifer continue to do the AVAS testing, surveying etc. and have another employee oversee the management responsibilities. She is the best in her field.

No Harvesting Bids

Don is concerned that there could be problems with auditing if we are questioned as to why we paid a contractor without a contract in place. The board discussed who would be responsible to pay the harvester for the amount over the budget. A written contract could have addressed some of the problems with the harvester.

Review Property for Frank White 019-005-004-10

Last year the board decided to leave Mr. White's benefit factor at a 0 because the site of his access to the lake was not usable as an access. It was agreed to leave that factor at 0 until the site was usable.

The access site is still not usable.

New Business

Renewal of Contract with LSE

The board scheduled a meeting for October 26, 2009 at 4:00. Kurt will present a plan for next year's program. A decision will be made then whether or not to renew the contract with Lakeshore and continue to work with Jennifer as the lake consultant.

A motion was made by Ken and seconded by John to take no action on renewing the contract with Lakeshore until the problems have been resolved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Ken and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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

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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 Dickerson Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on October 5, 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 Dickerson Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner