DUCK LAKE

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2011

A meeting of the Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm Drain Commission, 211 West Main, Stanton, Michigan on the 5th day of April, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sandborn at 1:00 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

Betty Kellenberger, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO PRESENT: Pam Tyning, Progressive AE; Gary Fritz, Clinton Conservation District; Aaron Snell, Streamside Ecological Services
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission
David Wight, Liz Wight, Gary Earls, Elaine Earls, Ron Massanari, Dick Walthorn, Larry DeVito, Liaison Board Members/Property Owners

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Marie to accept the agenda with an addition under New Business for Michigan Lakes & Streams Conference. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marie and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes from April 19, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

<u>Liaison Committee Report</u>
Channel Cleanout
Property owners have asked about getting a clean out done on the channel that goes to the dam. A DEQ permit would be required and a dump site for the spoils. Larry remarked that there if about 4 feet of water and only about 6" of silt from what he can see. The weed growth seems to be part of the problem. Dick Walthorn told the board he did a cleanout back in the early 70's and at that time there was an area with over 21 feet of muck. No action was taken at this time.

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Gary Fritz and Aaron Snell, Developing a Watershed Plan

Gary Fritz, of the Clinton Conservation District and Aaron Snell, from Streamside Ecological Services discussed the pros of developing a water shed plan for the lower Maple River watershed district which would include a large portion of Montcalm County. Various organizations and individuals work together to identify the good areas and the problem spots, determine the causes for the problems, and devise a plan of recommendations to correct the problems and improve the quality of the watershed district. Federal funding and other grant money is available for some of these improvements but a watershed plan is needed before any applications can be processed. However, a management plan will not help the permit process for the lake dredge and there are no grants available for projects such as the lake dredge or weed control. Gary and Aaron are asking the board for a letter of support to begin the watershed study and a commitment to donate time to help with the project.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Betty to endorse the project to create a watershed management plan for the lower Maple River watershed district. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Review 2010 Weed Control Program/Update 2011 Program

Lake residents were happy with the weed program last year. A different company, Mike's Clearwater Harvesting, was subcontracted by PLM to handle the harvest and they did a great job. The board would like to have Mike do the work again this year. Pam will try to get out of the contract with PLM and contract with Mike's or see if PLM will subcontract Mike's to do the work on Duck Lake again this year. There is not enough milfoil to warrant a sonar treatment this year. The treatment plan and will be the same as was used last year at approximately the same cost.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bob to approve signing a contract with Mike's Clearwater Harvesting and to give Marv the authority to sign the contract on behalf of the board. Motion carried.

Water Quality Testing

Pam collected water samples from the lake and the Manzer Drain. She will email the test results to board members.

Update on Lake Dredge /Responses from Jane Matty and Dave Long

Letters were received back from Jane Matty and Dave Long in response to the board's request to include Duck Lake in some of their environmental studies. Neither Matty nor Long are able to help, but Matty did give the board the names of two other individuals to contact. A dump site for the dredge spoils is still needed. Dick Walthorn offered the use of ten acres of his land for the dump location. Soil samples will be needed to test the arsenic level and the DEQ will need to determine if the property is within a regulated wetland.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Betty to allow Pam to test Dick's property for the arsenic level if only a few sample are required for testing. If several samples are required, the testing will be put on hold. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Swem Property, 005-015-004-00/Revise Factor

Mrs. Swem has told the Drain Office that she is being assessed for lakefront property. Her lot only goes to the road so it does not abut to the lake. However, she does use that lakefront parcel

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to access the water. The board took no action on the issue. Ownership of the lake parcel needs to be determined and the issue will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Michigan Lakes & Streams Conference
ML&S annual conference is scheduled for April 15 and 16 at Boyne. No one is available to attend the conference this year.

Public Hearings
This is the third year for this three-year weed control program so public hearings need to be scheduled this summer. A meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. to review the proposed budget for the next five-year program and make final decisions for the public hearings. Public hearings are scheduled for July 9, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the new Crystal Community Center, 317 Park Street, Crystal.

OTHER BUSINESS
Letter From Adin Shank, Property Owner
A letter from Adin Shank, dated August 15, 2010, was presented to the board. Mr. Shank feels the weed growth is not being controlled by harvesting. Marv will talk to Mr. Shank about his concerns.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Don and seconded Bob to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Don Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Dated: April 5, 2011

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 April 5, 2011 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

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