

**DUCK LAKE**  
**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2011**

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A meeting of the Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm Drain Commission, 211 West Main, Stanton, Michigan on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 Tynning, Progressive AE;  
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission  
Judy Sandborn, Larry Wight, David & Elizabeth Wight, Property owners

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Marie to accept the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Marie to approve the minutes from July 9, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2011 Weed Control Program/Weed Cutting/Ideas for 2012 Treatment

Lake residents are happy with the harvest this year. The board would like to use Mike's Clearwater Harvesting again next year. People in Colonel Point would like to have the harvester cut deeper toward the middle of the lake. Pam remarked that the area indicated on the map was not cut at all this year. Marv reported that the harvested weeds that were piled still need to be pushed back. He will contact Bob Hargett to do the job. Money for moving the weeds was approved at a prior meeting. The harvester was there for the second lake survey and noticed that lily pads are very thick in some areas. He suggested that cutting the lily pads 2 or 3 times a year

instead of just once might help to keep boating lanes open and control growth. Bob suggested that it be tried on a trial basis and see what happens. The Colonel Point area and the West end of the lake by the drain inlet would be areas to consider. Pam will ask Mike what would be the minimum acreage size that he would consider for a harvest. The board will have to determine how many acres to cut and still stay within the budget. Pam told the board that Starry Stonewart is now present in the lake. Starry Stonewart is a type of algae and can be treated with high doses of Coppersulfate and Hydrothol. There is no sure way to kill it off but it can be harvested. However, it is a lot harder to harvest than traditional plants so Pam will need to get a quote from Mike for the additional work. The plan for next year is to apply for a permit to use Sonar for the milfoil. Sonar will often stunt the growth of other plants so a harvest may not be needed except for possibly the lily pads and the starry stonewart. The board agreed to extend the harvesting and herbicide treatment contracts with the current contractors for 2012.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 2011 Tax Roll

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Don to spread the full amount of the budget of \$48,000 on the 2011 tax roll. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 27, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

##### Public Comment

Marv wanted to let everyone know that the boards are taken out of the control structure on October 1<sup>st</sup> and put back in on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was suggested that any harvest done in the fall should be done before duck hunting season.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Bob and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried.

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Don Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer

Dated: September 12, 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 September 12, 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