

**PERCH LAKE**  
**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING**

**September 12, 2011**

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A meeting of the Perch Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johansen at 4:02 p.m.

PRESENT: John Johansen, Chairperson  
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

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

Thom Pacey  
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Wally Peacock  
Montcalm Township Representative

ABSENT: Tracy Brown  
Montcalm Township Representative

ALSO

PRESENT: Pam Tynning, Progressive AE  
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

A motion was made by Thom and seconded by Wally to approve the agenda as amended to add Contract Renewals under New Business. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Thom and seconded by Wally to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Weed Control Program Update

Diquat was used to treat 28 acres of milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed on June 6. Twelve acres were harvested at the end of June and on July 13 Aquathol was used to treat 3 acres of pondweed along the Northwest shoreline. Pam is recommending using Sonar next year for the milfoil so water testing has been done during the summer as required by DEQ for the Sonar permit. Water clarity in the lake is very good. The fall survey showed some signs of new milfoil growth. A new non-native plant, Cabamba (Fanwort) was also found in abundance. Harvesting tends to spread the growth of Cabamba so herbicides will be needed to get it under control. Clipper (Flumixazin) is a new chemical just introduced to the market that has been found to help control its growth.

Pam will check to see if the permit can be amended yet this year to allow for a treatment. The permit application for next year will include Sonar for the milfoil and Clipper for the Cabamba.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2011 Tax Roll Amount

The board discussed what items were still outstanding to be paid from this year's budget and the amount left in the fund to carry over for next year. Because there will need to be additional treatment for the Cabamba next year, the board decided it was best to spread the full budgeted amount on the tax roll this year.

A motion was made by Thom and seconded by Don to spread \$ 15,000 on the 2011 tax roll which is the same amount that has been on the roll for the last two years. Motion carried.

### Contract Renewals

Lake Pro is the applicator contracted to do the herbicide treatments and PLM is contracted to do the harvesting. The board discussed the option of putting the two contracts out for bid this year. A 3% annual increase is normal for each contractor. When putting out for bid you risk the chance of the bids coming in at more than the 3% increase. There are only a few harvesting contractors available in this area, however there are at least a dozen herbicide contractors.

A motion was made by Thom and seconded by Wally to extend the contract with PLM for the harvesting for 2012. Pam should ask Lake Pro if they would be willing to extend their contract for the herbicide treatment with no increase for 2012. If not she will offer the herbicide contract out for bid. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board members have received no complaints. People seem to be happy with this year's treatment.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 14, 2011 at 4:00 to review bids, if necessary. Pam will let us know if the bidding process is used.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board a motion was made by Don and seconded by Wally to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Perch Lake, 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 Perch Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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Donald E. Cooper  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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