

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2024

Colon Township Hall, Colon, MI

1. Call to Order: Chairman Borgert called meeting to order at 10:01 AM
Motion by Tenney & second by Wenzel to approve agenda with addition of check printing bill. All yes,
Motion Carried
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: Borgert, Bell, Conklin, Crawford, Tenney, Wenzel. Absent: None
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Camper, Charles, Crawford, Tenney.
Absent: Costello, Gentz, Newman, Schneider, Taylor.
4. Motion by Tenney & second by Conklin to approve minutes of September 25, 2023 meeting. All yes,
Motion carried.
5. Motion by Tenney & second by Bell to accept the financial report below and pay bills presented. All
yes, Motion carried.

CHECKING

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
08/31/2023	Beginning Balance			\$ 3,983.22
09/19/2023	Transfer to money market	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 1,483.22
09/26/2023	Transfer from money market		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,483.22
09/26/2023	Post Office Box	\$ 56.00		\$ 3,427.22
09/27/2023	City of Three Rivers	\$ 990.00		\$ 2,437.22
09/29/2023	interest		\$ 0.22	\$ 2,437.44
10/10/2023	Transfer from money market		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,937.44
10/12/2023	Transfer from money market		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,937.44
10/13/2023	PLM	\$ 912.50		\$ 6,024.94
10/17/2023	City of Three Rivers	\$ 495.00		\$ 5,529.94
10/17/2023	Progressive AE	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 2,529.94
10/24/2023	Transfer from money market		\$ 200.00	\$ 2,729.94
10/25/2023	Laggis Fish Farm	\$ 2,097.00		\$ 632.94
10/31/2023	City of Three Rivers	\$ 495.00		\$ 137.94
10/31/2023	interest		\$ 0.18	\$ 138.12
11/21/2023	Transfer from money market		\$ 3,875.00	\$ 4,013.12
11/28/2023	PLM	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 813.12
11/30/2023	City of Three Rivers	\$ 675.00		\$ 138.12
11/30/2023	interest		\$ 0.08	\$ 138.20

01/11/2024	Transfer from money market	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,138.20
01/17/2024	Progressive AE	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 138.20
01/31/2024	interest	\$ 0.05	\$ 138.25
			\$ 138.25
03/30/2024	Ending Balance		\$ 138.25

BILLS SUBMITTED TO BE PAID

04/13/2024	Check Printing	\$ 86.97
04/13/2024	3 year Domain Hosting	\$ 68.55
04/13/2024	3 year Webpage Hosting	\$ 378.00
04/13/2024	Progressive Companies	\$ 3,000.00
	BILLS TO BE PAID:	\$ 3,533.52

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Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
08/31/2023	Beginning Balance			\$ 300,000.00
09/14/2023	interest		\$ 3,712.77	\$ 303,712.77
12/14/2023	interest		\$ 3,717.86	\$ 307,430.63
03/14/2024	interest		\$ 3,763.37	\$ 311,194.00
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03/30/2024	Ending Balance			\$ 311,194.00

Anticipated interest to be paid 6/14 \$3.851.30

MONEY
MARKET

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
08/31/2023	Beginning Balance			\$ 43,207.48
09/19/2023	Transfer from checking		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 45,707.48
09/26/2023	Transfer to checking	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 43,707.48
09/29/2023	interest		\$ 69.73	\$ 43,777.21
10/10/2023	Transfer to checking	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 42,277.21
10/12/2023	Transfer to checking	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 39,277.21
10/24/2023	Transfer to checking	\$ 200.00		\$ 39,077.21
10/31/2023	Interest		\$ 71.58	\$ 39,148.79
11/21/2023	Transfer to checking	\$ 3,875.00		\$ 35,273.79

11/30/2023	interest	\$ 62.23	\$ 35,336.02
12/29/2023	interest	\$ 56.15	\$ 35,392.17
01/02/2024	Tax Receipts	\$15,537.81	\$ 50,929.98
01/11/2024	Transfer to checking	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 47,929.98
01/18/2024	Tax Receipts	\$10,925.00	\$ 58,854.98
01/25/2024	Tax Receipts	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 67,204.98
01/31/2024	interest	\$ 97.67	\$ 67,302.65
02/05/2024	Tax Receipts	\$ 3,731.09	\$ 71,033.74
02/29/2024	interest	\$ 112.06	\$ 71,145.80
03/07/2024	Tax Receipts	\$29,376.90	\$ 100,522.70
03/19/2024	Tax Receipts	\$ 1,866.43	\$ 102,389.13
03/29/2024	interest	\$ 151.20	\$ 102,540.33
03/30/2024	Ending Balance		\$102,540.33

6. Old Business

- a) Tenney reviewed the E-coli readings from 10/9. Levels in the creeks remain high, but the readings in Palmer Lake are in acceptable ranges. The first sample for 2024 will be done on 4/22 by Borgert, Bell, & Tenney.
- b) Andy from PLM reported that water samples from last year show similar amounts of Phosphorous and Nitrogen in the water column when compared to historical data. Andy reiterated that copper products are very restricted by EGLE and are not an option for treating an entire lake for algae. Andy said the application for treating Long Lake with Phycomycin is moving through EGLE and it looks like that permit may be issued. There may need to be some changes to the monitoring portion of the application to include additional tests for zooplankton. If permits are issued, treatments could begin as soon as algae counts reach the threshold outlined in the permit. Treatments could be done up to six times during the year. The normal annual treatment permits for Palmer and Lepley Lakes have been issued. These permits cover treatment of non-native plants. Andy is working on the treatment notice that will be mailed out in the coming weeks. Andy said he would get Borgert's approval on the language before the notices are mailed. This report was given at the advisory meeting prior to the lake board meeting.
- c) Luke from Progressive Companies reviewed the status of the Big Swan Creek and Little Swan Creek project. They have collected four samples so far, two at high flow times and two at low flow times. There will be two more samples taken at high flow and two more samples taken at low flow. Luke said he will send Andy, at PLM, a copy of the biomass surveys from last year for the phycomycin treatment permit application. Macrophyte studies are scheduled for May 23rd and July 10th and any treatments will be based on the results of those surveys. This report was given at the advisory meeting prior to the lake board meeting.
- d) Larry Lemke and Wilson Raye from the Matteson Lake Association reviewed their progress in applying for grants to study Swan Creek upstream from Matteson Lake. They have an application in place for a \$28,000.00 grant to help cover the costs of the study and hope to know if they will receive the grant by the end of May. Borgert expressed an interest in

working with the Matteson Lake Association to develop a watershed management plan to cover all Big Swan Creek and Little Swan Creek, including the attached lakes. Larry said he is looking for our board to help with the studies of Big and Little Swan Creeks between Matteson Lake and Long/Palmer Lakes. After much discussion everyone agreed that we need to work together and include Progressive Companies in our efforts, so we do not duplicate work. This report was given at the advisory committee meeting.

7. New Business

- a) J. Crawford submitted his application for the at-large position on the Colon Township lake board, and read through his resume. Andy Kiss went over his resume and withdrew his application. Motion by Wenzel, second by Conklin to approve J. Crawford as Palmer Lake's at large board member for a term of four years, all yes. Motion carried.
- b) Parcel 002 027 009 23, owned by L. Drenovacz, appears to be in error on our assessment district. The parcel does not have any lake access. Borgert said L. Drenovacz would like to have her parcel removed from the district. L. Drenovacz is supposed to attend the May board meeting to make a formal request for removal.
- c) The Matteson Lake Association discussed their grant efforts at the advisory committee meeting. Those discussions are in 6 D above.
- d) A budget proposal was presented by Crawford. Anticipated income for the year is \$78,000.00 from assessments and \$14,000.00 in interest on reserves. Anticipated expenses for the year are \$125,500.00. Reserve funds held in the CD will be used to cover the shortfall once the CD matures in June. Motion by Wenzel, second by Bell to approve the proposed budget, all yes. Motion carried.
- e) The DNR is still compiling information from their fish survey done March 9th through 17th. Initial results show a good Walleye population. Long Lake has about 1.2 walleye per acre and Palmer Lake has about 1.7 walleye per acre. The DNR intends to continue stocking walleye and would like to continue working with the lake board to stock walleye in both lakes. There is a good chance the DNR will allow the lake board to stock more walleye in the future to supplement their stocking. Northern pike were low in numbers but growing well. Crappie population is good. The panfish population was acceptable noting that they caught a perch greater than 12 inches. The largemouth bass population was good but no fish greater than four pounds was caught. The catfish population was good. The gizzard shad population seemed to be repressed, but the shad caught were very large.
- f) There is new legislation working through the state government that would restrict wakeboard boats to water more than 20 feet deep and at least 500 feet from docks and shore. Wenzel said there is a lot of push back on the legislation and believes it will be a while before it is voted on.
- g) Crawford and Taylor are working on the newsletter. Crawford said he hopes to have a draft of the newsletter finished this week. Crawford will email the draft to all board members and ask for a reply/approval so the letter can be printed and mailed before the May meeting.
- h) A. Kiss, Walters Trail, asked if the lake board removes trees from the water way. Wenzel suggested riparian owners work together to remove trees, but also said EGLE could be contacted if water flow or boating is restricted by fallen trees. Borgert added that the lake board does not have any authority over stumps, trees, logs, etc. in the water way. Bell mentioned that the Village of Colon is looking at a repair to the dam on Palmer Lake that is more than they had budgeted for this year. The repair is for screws that control the gates on the dam. Bell asked if the board would like to make a donation to the village since the dam directly affects the lakes. Wenzel stated there is a special assessment district set up for the dam maintenance and suggested the village have a small special assessment done for the cost to repair the dam. Wenzel said he would be happy to help the village in their efforts to assess the district if the village reached out to the drain commissioner's office. Wenzel stated the

lake board should not give money to the village for the repair because the village can assess through the dam assessment district.

- i) 2024 lake board meetings are scheduled for May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 14. All meetings are scheduled to be held at the Colon Township Hall at 10:00 a.m. Public welcome.
- j) Motion, by Crawford & second by Wenzel, to adjourn at 11:08 All yes, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary