

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2026

Colon Township Fire Barn, Colon, MI

1. Call to Order: Chairman J. Borgert called meeting to order at 9:00 AM
Motion by J. Crawford & second by J. Wenzel to approve the agenda. All yes, Motion Carried.
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: J. Borgert, T. Conklin, J. Crawford, T. Tenney, J. Wenzel. Absent: E. Bell
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: J. Borgert, P. Camper, G. Costello, J. Crawford, R. Gentz, D. Schneider, T. Taylor, T. Tenney. Absent: E. Bell, S. Charles.
4. Motion by T. Tenney & second by T. Conklin to approve minutes of May 9, 2026 meeting. All yes, Motion carried.
5. J. Borgert read account balances and two bills to be paid as of 5/31/26. Checking has a balance of \$180.59. CD has a balance of \$292,603.35. Money market has a balance of \$80,792.11. Motion by T. Tenney & second by J. Wenzel to accept the financial report ledger as presented. All yes, Motion carried.

CHECKING

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
05/01/2026	Beginning Balance			\$ 180.23
05/29/2026	Interest		\$ 0.36	\$ 180.59
05/31/2026	Ending Balance			\$ 180.59

BILLS SUBMITTED TO BE PAID

06/14/2026	City of Three Rivers e-coli testing			\$ 540.00
06/14/2026	Sturgis Journal public hearing notice			\$ 555.00
BILLS TO BE PAID:				\$ 1,095.00

CD

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
08/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$ 330,628.85
09/14/2025	Interest		\$ 3,350.13	\$ 333,978.98
09/15/2025	Withdrawal	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 283,978.98
12/14/2025	Interest		\$ 2,846.17	\$ 286,825.15
03/14/2026	Interest		\$ 2,843.11	\$ 289,668.26
06/14/2026	Interest (to be paid)		\$ 2,935.09	\$ 289,668.26

06/14/2026	Ending Balance	\$ 289,668.26
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MONEY
MARKET

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
05/01/2026	Beginning Balance			\$ 72,421.01
05/26/2026	Assessment deposit		\$ 8,225.00	\$ 80,646.01
05/29/2026	Interest		\$ 146.10	\$ 80,792.11
05/31/2026	Ending Balance			\$ 80,792.11

6. Old Business

- a) J. Crawford reported good fishing over the last month. R. Gentz said he has been catching walleye, crappie, and catfish off his dock.
- b) The Little Swan Creek watershed management plan grant has been approved. The Matteson Lake Association will need some assistance from our board once the testing/sampling begins. T. Taylor agreed to help. J. Borgert said the lake board may need to provide additional volunteers as well. P. Hausler (Progressive Companies) stated the testing/sampling will begin later this year, but most of the testing/sampling will take place in 2027. Progressive Companies is not involved in the testing/sampling but is assisting with drone work and stream bank analysis.
- c) T. Taylor said there were 147 responses to the survey included with the newsletter. 134 were sent electronically and 13 sent by paper. Results were similar to last year regarding water quality and clarity. Two areas of concern that increased from last year's survey were wake boat restrictions/regulations and the implementation of sewers. 75% of respondents provided an email and said they would welcome an electronic version of the newsletter.
- d) E.coli results from June 1 were emailed to all board members and read by T. Tenney. Both lakes were in the safe range. A few locations on Little Swan Creek had elevated levels, similar to years past. Testing will continue monthly unless elevated results are detected in either lake.
- e) The first approved Eutrosorb WC treatment will take place 6/18. Eutrosorb WC contains a rare earth element (lanthanum) and does not have any water use restrictions. The goal for the treatment is to reduce phosphorus in the water column by 50%. Eutrosorb WC is not a chemical and will be applied in the 10 foot and deeper water contour. A second treatment will be done a minimum of 4 weeks after the first treatment when sampling shows the phosphorus levels have increased. Cost of the treatment is \$46,650.00 for Long Lake and \$85,700.00 for Palmer Lake. Secchi disk readings as of 6/8 were 6.5 feet on both lakes.
- f) The updated assessment district will include 746 units. The assessment will run for 5 years starting in 2027. The proposed assessments would be:
 - 82 business units at \$175.00 per unit
 - 3 special units at \$2,000.00 per unit
 - 77 Back lot units at \$75.00 per unit
 - 584 riparian units at \$150.00 per unit
 Total annual revenue would be \$113,725.00

7. New Business

- a) Progressive Companies completed water and plant surveys the first week of June and recommended treating 6.5 acres on Long Lake and 10 acres on Palmer Lake for E. Milfoil.

PLM completed that treatment on 6/7. S. Buford (Roger Road) expressed concern about the application being close to his shoreline. P. Hausler said he would contact PLM to discuss that issue. There was a question about water use restrictions. P. Hausler said the chemicals used for the treatment contain 1 day restrictions as a cautionary measure. P. Hausler said the chemicals have been tested and approved by the State of Michigan as safe. J. Borgert informed the audience that the use restrictions are only in the areas treated and not lake wide.

The business meeting was suspended at 9:23 to prepare for the public hearing regarding the new assessment district and practicability for the new assessment.

J. Borgert reopened the business meeting at 11:23

- b) Discussion was had about the maturing CD and surplus funds. J. Crawford reported that he emailed with the township and the bank instructing them to put the CD funds in the money market account when the CD matures. J. Crawford said some of the reserve funds will be used to pay for the Eutrosorb WC treatment and there was no way to know the exact amount that will be left at the end of this season. J. Crawford said the board can revisit the reserve funds at a future meeting after the Eutrosorb WC treatment has been completed.
- c) Matt Diana from the DNR will be at the July lake board meeting to present the results of the most recent walleye and fishery survey. J. Borgert recommended attendance by anyone with questions about the fishery to come to that meeting.
- d) There were no public comments.
- e) Lake board meetings are scheduled for July 11 (at the Colon Fire Barn), August 8, and September 12. All meetings scheduled to be held at the Colon Township Hall at 10:00 AM, unless otherwise noted.
- f) Motion by T. Tenney & second by J. Wenzel, to adjourn at 11:27. All yes, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary