

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2026

Colon Township Hall, Colon, MI

1. Call to Order: Chairman J. Borgert called meeting to order at 10:00 AM
Motion by E. Bell & second by J. Wenzel to approve the agenda. All yes, Motion Carried.
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: E. Bell, J. Borgert, T. Conklin, J. Crawford, T. Tenney, J. Wenzel.
Absent: None
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: E. Bell, J. Borgert, P. Camper, J. Crawford, R. Gentz, T. Tenney. Absent: G. Costello, S. Charles, D. Schneiter, T. Taylor.
4. Motion by J. Wenzel & second by T. Conklin to approve minutes of April 11, 2026 meeting. All yes, Motion carried.
5. There was one letter submitted for the at large Palmer Lake position on the lake board by Jim Crawford. The advisory committee recommended that the lake board approve Jim Crawford as the Palmer Lake at large member of the lake board. Motion by E. Bell and second by T. Tenney to nominate and approve Jim Crawford to the lake board. All yes, motion carried.
6. J. Borgert read account balances as of 4/30/26. Checking has a balance of \$180.23. CD has a balance of \$289,668.26. Money market has a balance of \$72,421.01. Motion by J. Crawford & second by T. Conklin to accept the financial report ledger as presented. All yes, Motion carried.

CHECKING

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
04/01/2026	Beginning Balance			\$ 5,452.22
04/02/2026	Transfer from M.M		\$ 800.00	\$ 6,252.22
04/07/2026	#1258 to PLM for permits	\$ 3,075.00		\$ 3,177.22
04/08/2026	#1259 to Progressive Co.	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 177.22
04/30/2026	Interest		\$ 3.01	\$ 180.23
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04/30/2026	Ending Balance			\$ 180.23

BILLS SUBMITTED TO BE PAID

None
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CD

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
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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
04/30/2026	Ending Balance		\$ 289,668.26

MONEY MARKET

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
04/01/2026	Beginning Balance			\$ 73,072.45
04/02/2026	Transfer to pay bills	\$ 800.00		\$ 72,272.45
04/30/2026	Interest		\$ 148.56	\$ 72,421.01
04/30/2026	Ending Balance			\$ 72,421.01

7. Old Business

- a) The Little Swan Creek watershed management plan grant has been approved. The Matteson Lake Association did not have a member available to attend our meeting. The lake board has committed to contribute \$25,000.00 and man hours for data collection to the study. P. Hausler from Progressive Companies was called during the advisory meeting to discuss the study. P. Hausler believes the collection of data will start around June 1st, 2026, and should be completed by December 2027. The data will then be compiled and submitted for further review for an implementation grant. Further conversation was had with P. Hausler regarding the public hearing for the new assessment for 2027-2031. P. Hausler believes all information is in order for the meeting to take place on June 13th at the Colon Township Fire Barn. P. Hausler plans to be at the hearing to present the proposal and scope of work to the public.
- b) E.coli results from April 29 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.
- c) Discussion was had about the proposed Eutrosorb WC project. SePro will not provide any guarantees related to the treatment. PLM did agree to cover the cost of phosphate monitoring as required by the permit. The goal of the project is to reduce 50% of the phosphorous in both Long and Palmer Lakes. The initial treatment would likely take place in mid-June in water that is 10 feet deep or greater. A second treatment would be done no sooner than 4 weeks after the initial treatment. If the second treatment is after August 1st the treatment would include shore to shore treatment in both lakes, not including the connecting channel. There are no use restrictions with the use of Eutrosorb WC. The advisory committee recommended that the lake board move forward with the treatment as proposed by PLM. The cost of the treatment is \$46,650.00 for Long Lake and \$85,700.00 for Palmer Lake. Motion by J. Crawford and second by E. Bell to approve Eutrosorb WC treatment as proposed by PLM. All yes, motion carried.
- d) The proposal for the new assessment district is set for public hearing on 6/13. Teresa at Colon Township has done a great job preparing an accurate assessment district. The district will include 744 units. 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
582 riparian units at \$150.00 per unit
Total annual revenue would be \$113,425.00

8. New Business

- a) The newsletter has been printed and mailed. T. Taylor & J. Crawford put the newsletter together and included the PLM treatment notice in the newsletter to share costs. The total cost for the newsletter was \$811.94. PLM will invoice the lake board for half the cost, about \$406.00. T. Taylor will review results of the survey at the July meeting. There were no paper surveys returned prior to the May meeting.
- b) The advisory committee recommended increasing the annual budget to account for the new assessment and proposed Eutrosorb WC treatment. The recommendation was as follows:
 - Postage \$1,000.00
 - Attorney Fees \$200.00
 - Contracted Services \$150,000.00
 - Water Quality Study \$30,000.00
 - Publishing \$1,000.00Motion by T. Tenney and second by E. Bell to accept the advisory committee's budget proposal. All yes, motion carried.
- c) Matt Diana from the DNR will attend the July meeting at the fire barn to present the results and recommendations following the walleye and other fish survey.
- d) The assessment hearing for 2027 to 2031 will be held at 9:30 on 6/13 at the Colon Township Fire Barn. There will be no advisory meeting that day and the lake board meeting will start at 9:00 prior to the assessment hearing. J. Crawford to create a sign-in sheet to record any public attendance.
- e) Colon Township Fire and Rescue asked for a donation for weather radios. J. Wenzel said the lake board charter does not allow for that type of donation. Discussion was had and it was agreed that no donation could be made for the purchase of weather radios.
- f) Jeff Whiting asked about the fluctuations in the lake level. He stated the water was very high again but had also been low in previous days. Several board members agreed that the lake level has fluctuated a lot this year, with the trend that the water level is too high. J. Wenzel stated that control of the dam is the responsibility of the Village of Colon. J. Wenzel said concerned citizens should contact the village. E. Bell asked the public to come to a village board meeting to voice concerns. J. Borgert asked if the lake board could donate to the village to help automate the opening and closing of the dam. J. Wenzel said the lake board charter does not allow that, but the village can create an assessment district regarding control and repair of the dam. J. Wenzel said he would contact the village about the lake levels but said the drain commissioner's office has no authority over the dam.
- g) Lake board meetings are scheduled for June 13 (at the Colon Fire Barn), 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.
- h) Motion by T. Tenney & second by E. Bell, to adjourn at 11:05. All yes, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary