

Colon Township Advisory Lake Board

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Tim Taylor at 9:00.

Present: E. Bell, J. Borgert, G. Costello, J. Crawford, R. Gentz, D. Schneider, T. Taylor

Absent: P. Camper, S. Charles, T. Tenney

- 1) Motion by J. Crawford, second by E. Bell to approve minutes of 5/10/25 meeting. All yes, motion carried.
- 2) J. Borgert reported 13 newsletters were returned. T. Taylor asked for a list of those returned so he can investigate and update the addresses for future mailings.
- 3) T. Taylor reported that 59 people have responded to the survey contained in the newsletter. T. Taylor is still receiving surveys and will have data compiled to present at a future meeting.
- 4) T. Taylor presented a proposal from Sturgis Bank regarding our matured CD. The bank is offering a 12 month CD at 4.02% with the ability for a penalty free withdraw of funds if expenses arise that require use of the invested funds. Discussion was had about the phycomycin treatment on Long Lake and the potential need to use some of the invested funds if the treatments are done as planned. T. Taylor reported current CD rates are about 4.25% nationally. J. Crawford noted the relationship between the township, lake board, and bank was very strong and thought the difference in national rates and the offered rate was not great enough to warrant changing banks. Motion by J. Borgert, second by J. Crawford to recommend the lake board roll over the full CD balance with Sturgis Bank for 12 months at 4.02% or greater with the ability to make a penalty free withdraw if needed. All yes, motion carried.
- 5) J. Crawford and T. Taylor reported good fishing this spring on Palmer Lake. J. Borgert said many fish are being caught on Long Lake as well.
- 6) J. Borgert said the Secchi disk readings on Long Lake in May and early June were around 8', however the readings the week of 6/7 were 4' and trending lower. The samples taken by PLM on 6/5 showed no limnothrix algae. Another set of samples was taken on 6/12 and those results are not available yet. J. Borgert believes the limnothrix algae will be present and more than likely higher than 20,000 ppm. If the limnothrix is greater than 20,000 ppm, PLM will start the phycomycin treatment program. EGLE has approved two treatments and will review monitoring data provided by PLM to see if further treatments are warranted. There will be 2 weeks between any scheduled treatments.
 - a. Secchi Disk readings on Long Lake were about 4' on 6/7 and trending lower
 - b. Secchi Disk reading on Palmer Lake were about 2.75' on 6/10
 - c. No readings were taken on Lepley Lake
 - d. Water temperatures were reported to be about 70 degrees
 - e. No new stumps or logs were reported. J. Crawford reported that several stumps that were previously marked still have steel poles in them, but no markers or buoys. Several of the steel poles are difficult to see.
 - f. J. Borgert reviewed the e. coli reading from 6/2. Both Long and Palmer Lakes have e. coli readings in the safe to swim range. Little Swan Creek continues to have elevated e. coli readings, especially around the Decker Road Bridge. It was reported that there are a few chicken and cattle farms in that area.
 - g. T. Taylor requested map/coordinates for the fish cribs on Long Lake. T. Taylor said he has received a few requests for the coordinates and would like to put them on the lake board website. J. Borgert has the coordinates.

- h. The DNR stocks 10 catfish per acre in both Long and Palmer Lakes each year. Walleye are stocked every year alternating between Long and Palmer Lakes. The DNR allows the lake board to supplement the walleye stocking each year to help control gizzard shad. The walleye requested in 2024 by the lake board were not stocked so they will be stocked in 2025 along with the walleye ordered for 2025.
- i. Public Comments: B. Frank thought the newsletter was well done and thought the electronic survey was nice. He also thought a 10% return rate on a survey was pretty good. He also thanked the board for being good stewards of the investable funds held by the lake board.

7) Motion to adjourn at 9:55 by J. Crawford, second by E. Bell. All yes, motion carried

Respectfully submitted
Jim Crawford
Advisory Board Member