

## **PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)**

### **MINUTES 11-9-2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Present were: Toni Drier, Arden Bawkey and Paul Teike

Absent: Ash Alt (available on zoom)

Secretary: Minutes for Budget Public Hearing were approved as submitted. Minutes for the Regular meeting in November were accepted as corrected. Correspondence received since the August meeting were available for public review.

Treasurer: Alt presented the Financial Report: Current balance is \$180593.64. Electric account for compressor stations have been closed out and fully paid.

Riparian Position: There are three candidates for the riparian position vacated by John Siegel: Tom Altman, Rob Miller, Michael Madden. Altman was present on zoom, Madden appeared in person. Miller was not present. The two candidates spoke about why they would like the position. Moved by Teike, seconded by Bawkey to appoint Michael Madden as riparian representative. Motion passed. Madden then took his seat with the board. He will serve a four-year term and can be reappointed.

Mike Solomon, RLS, gave a verbal presentation of the 2022 Annual Report: Two treatments were made – 20.5A in July and 3.0A in August. Findings were that EWM were dropping in the water column. Four surveys were done during the year. Final determination of acreage to be treated in 2023 will be determined by the Spring survey. Current estimate is that between 10 and 70A could be treated. (Full report posted on the website under 2022 Minutes.) PLM, the company doing the treatment, is offering a 1,2 or 3 yr. contract. Currently they are a sub-contractor of RLS. If a three-year contract is selected, it will be a direct contract with the PLIB and PLM offers price controls on cost of the product(s) used (Costs for materials will remain the same in 2023 and 2024 and can rise only 10% in 2025). Moved by Bawkey, seconded by Madden to sign a three-year contract with

PLM. Roll call vote: all aye. Moved and seconded to accept RLS fall study and renew the contract with RLS. Roll call vote: all aye.

Moved by Bawkey, seconded by Madden to keep the same meeting dates in 2023 as in 2022, i.e. The second Wednesday of May, July, August, and November with the Budget Public Hearing preceding the August meeting. Motion passed.

Paperwork to reconfirm the change in the SAD roll for Bilbee was signed by the Board and will be sent to the Emmet County Treasurer for reimbursement.

Public Comment:

- Maybe the Board should consider selling the weed harvest boat since there have been volunteers the past two years to run it, even with cash incentives. Maintenance and storage costs are being paid.
- A video has been sent to Mike and Jennifer.
- Mike Madden is an asset to the lake community.
- Kudos to RLS and PLM.
- Thanks to Toni Drier for her years of service on the Board.
- Solomon – Happy to assist the people of Carp Lake.
- Volunteers to work with Hebron riparians spoke up.
- Bawkey – It is good to have relationships with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.