

**Regular Meeting of the  
Five Lakes Association Board of Directors  
September 11, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Five Lakes Association was held at the Farwell Middle School's Library Media Center, 500 E. Ohio Street, Farwell, MI. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Southworth at 7:02 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken:

**Members present:** President David Southworth, Treasurer Karen Wittich, Secretary Rhonda Goin, Area Representatives Steve Cohoon, Cory Gingery, Dick Haynak, Bob Jeffords

**Members absent:** Tim O'Neal

**Community Members present:** Mike Goin, Len Wittich

**Minutes:** Moved by Karen Wittich supported by Steve Cohoon to approve the August 21, 2009 Minutes. With a 7-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Karen Wittich stated that due to some problems with her computer she did not have printed copies of the Treasurer's Comparative Budget Report for review. Karen said that she did receive and pay the lawn service invoice since the last meeting, and sent letters to the Kapplinger Road residents soliciting donations for upkeep of the lake and dam. Karen also reported that there are still twenty-one (21) property owners who have not paid their dues yet. Moved by Dick Haynak supported by Cory Gingery to accept the Treasurer's Report. With a 7-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Tim O'Neal (Weed Control, Landscape Maintenance and Dam Management):** No report.

**Len Wittich (West Bay Silt Trap Project):** Len reported that the Silt Trap Project has moved into the Public Notice stage where the DNR sends out notices to various agencies and the neighbors near the silt trap and they have twenty (20) days to respond. He is hoping to receive the permit by Sept. 23, 2009. The contractor, Cotter Dragline, has informed Len that they cannot perform the work at the silt trap later than October this year. Beyond that time frame, we will have to wait until Spring 2010 to proceed with the project. The permit is good for one year.

**Karen Wittich (Beach Restoration Project):** Karen reported that Bouchey & Sons have been contacted about the erosion repair at the beach. They will charge us \$50.00 to change the grade. Karen will follow up with them

**Area Representatives' Reports:**

**Area S – Cory Gingery:** Raccoons are in the area along Lone Pine Road. Residents are reporting a lot of damage to their lawns. Cory also said that he and Steve Cohoon checked the drainage tiles from the East Silt Trap area, under the road, and out to the lake and the tiles were not clogged. They also did not see any beaver dams from the East Silt Trap up to US-10.

**Area 1 – Tim O'Neal:** No report.

**Area 2 – Dick Haynak:** Reported that new residents have moved in on Peninsular Drive. He will try to visit them.

**Area 3 – Bob Jeffords:** Has heard several complaints from residents about weeds at the North end of

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the lake, and that there seems to be more mud in the lake. Also, bogs have broken loose in at least two places. Algae is still in the lake. Steve Cohoon stated that 2-4-D is the chemical that treats the lilly pad area, and it should be done now. Steve will inform Tim O'Neal about the problem.

**Area 4 – Steve Cohoon:** Reported that John Zomer, a resident in his area who does a lot of fishing, thinks that the fish population is way down and has been declining over the past couple of years, and he has seen two otters on the lake. Dick Haynak concurred and also said that he had seen the otters. Dave Southworth said that he would contact Jason McCullough from the DNR to see what can be done.

### **New Business**

**Newsletter:** The members decided that the next issue of the newsletter would be targeted for the end of October. Rhonda Goin asked that all articles be submitted to her by mid-October in order to meet targeted date.

**Board President Comments:** Dave Southworth informed the Board that a property owner had filed a formal complaint seeking to build a storage unit on a vacant lot.

**Recognition of Audience Members & Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**Board Comments:** Karen Wittich asked Cory Gingery about the residents on Lone Pine Road who constructed a fence without submitting a Building Proposal to the Board. Cory will contact them.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Steve Cohoon to adjourn the meeting, supported by Dick Haynak. With a 7-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Minutes recorded by:

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Rhonda Goin, Five Lakes Association Secretary