

**Approved Minutes - Lake Improvement Board of Bear Lake  
February 19 th , 2009**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Bear Lake was held at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on the 19 th day of February, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Jack Sawka, Chairperson, (via conference call) at 8:30 P.M.

Present were Carver Edwards, Robert Yates, Don Brisbin, Ken Hilliard, and Mark DiBenedetto. Also Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones and six other guests.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved and supported to approve the minutes of the October 16 th , 2008 Lake Improvement Board meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Bob Babcock from Pleasanton Township Board asked to have the meeting notice posted at the Pleasanton Township Hall.

**Presentation of Lake Improvement Board Bill:**

Bob Yates presented bills from Hubbard et al Law Firm for \$88.07 and Lakeshore Environmental for \$3250.00.

It was moved by Don Brisbin, supported by Carver Edwards to pay the above bills in full.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Old Business:**

2009 Lake Treatment:

Jennifer went over the bid spec sheets and revisions that had been made to 2008 bids requests.

Bob Yates made a motion to have Professional Lake Management treat Bear Lake in 2009. The motion was seconded by Ken Hilliard and was unanimously approved.

Clean Boats- Clean Lakes

John Walthers letter was read and discussed. It was decided to address this issue again at the April meeting.

Jennifer shared that Paradise Lake has potentially 800 acres of thick EWM and only 341 riparian and no current SAD. They are working on a possible Lake Improvement Board.

**New Business:**

There was discussion of the Annual Report, 2009 Budget, and meetings with all the municipalities.

Also discussed were various sites to get information regarding the treatment of the lake and Lake Board meetings, such as the website and the library.

**Banking Arrangements:**

Manistee County Treasurer, Mr. Pomroy said he would be happy to help us with the banking.

Fiscal Agent Agreement from the municipalities was discussed.

A motion was made to have Mr. Pomroy, Manistee County Treasurer handle banking arrangements was made by Ken Hilliard, seconded by Mark DiBenedetto. The motion was unanimously carried.

The next Lake Improvement Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 16 th , 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

There being no additional business, it was moved and unanimously supported for the Lake Improvement Board to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Don Brisbin, Secretary

**UNAPPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR BEAR LAKE  
April 16th , 2009**

The meeting of the Lake improvement Board for Bear Lake was held at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on the 16 th day of April, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jack Sawka, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Sawka, Don Brisbin, Carver Edwards, Robert Yates, Ken Hilliard, and Mark DiBenedetto

Guests: Joel Kenyon from Lakeshore Environmental, Inc.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and supported to approve the minutes of the Lake Improvement meeting held February

19 th , 2009. The motion was carried unanimously

Public Comment: None.

Presentation of Lake Improvement Board Bills:

Robert Yates presented a bill for \$3250.00 from Lakeshore Environmental for the second quarter.

also a bill for \$85.00 for the Bear Lake Village Website.

It was moved by Ken Hilliard, supported by Mark DiBenedetto, to approve payment of \$3250.00 Lakeshore Environmental and \$85.00 to the Village of Bear Lake. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

There was discussion regarding how to update the three municipalities and the website.

2009 Lake Treatment: There will be a Grid Matrix Survey done early to mid-May. When this is done it will give the Board guidance as to the exact extent of treatment that will be done in 2009.

Finance: Robert Yates presented the recap of the LIB activity (Expenses and Revenues) thru 03-31-09 that was compiled and completed by Russell Pomroy, Manistee County Treasurer.

All financial records will be transferred to Mr. Pomroy.

All future bills will be presented to the board, where they will reviewed, and after approval for payment these bills will be given to Mr. Pomroy to be paid.

Other Business:

None

The next LIB meeting will be May 21,2009, at 7:00 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

There being no additional business, it was moved and supported the the meeting of Lake Improvement Board for Bear Lake be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Don Brisbin, Secretary

**Approved Minutes**  
**Lake Improvement Board of Bear Lake**  
**May 21 , 2009**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Bear Lake was held at the Bear Lake Twp. Hall, on May 21 st , 2009. The meeting was called to order by Robert Yates, Treasurer, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Carver Edwards, Don Brisbin, Bob Yates, Mark DiBenedetto, Bryan Harris, and arriving late, Ken Hilliard.

Guest: Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones from Lakeshore Environmental, Inc.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved and unanimously supported that minutes from April 19 th , 2009 be accepted as read.

**Nominations:**

Because of the removal of Jack Sawka from the Lake Improvement Board by Pleasanton Twp. as the Pleasanton Twp. representative, nominations were taken and voted on. The new Chairperson is Don Brisbin, Treasurer, Carver Edwards, and Secretary, Robert Yates. The Board welcomed Bryan Harris as the new Pleasanton Twp. representative.

**Treasurers Report:**

All bills are paid and up to date according to Mr. Pomroy, Manistee County Treasurer and Bob Yates.

Following the report there were questions regarding the need and expense of the consulting firm of Lakeshore Environmental, Inc.

**Other Business:**

Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones reported that the Grid Matrix has not yet been done as the weather has not been warm enough. Because of this we do not know how much is to be treated or the cost, although we do have an accepted cost per acre for treatment.

It was also asked if Jennifer would get the company that treats the lake to put up more signs at public accesses and swim areas.

Mark DiBenedetto asked Jennifer if Lakeshore Environmental could treat the lake along with doing the consulting and engineering. Jennifer explained that yes they can treat the lake also, but have found that some lake boards feel that it is a conflict of interest so therefore they don't usually do it.

Many kudos to Jack Sawka for all the time and effort he put into helping establishing and making the Lake Improvement Board for Bear Lake such a success.

The next meeting of the LIB will be June 18<sup>th</sup> , 2009 at 7:00 p m at the Bear Lake Twp. Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p m.

Don Brisbin, Secretary

**Approved Minutes**  
**Lake Improvement Board of Bear Lake**  
**June 19 , 2009**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Bear Lake was held at the Bear Lake Township Hall, on the 19 th day of June, 2009. The meeting was called to order by chairman, Don Brisbin, at 7:00 p m.

Present:: Don Brisbin, chairman, Bob Yates, Secretary, Carver Edwards, Treasurer, Mark DiBenedetto, Drain Commissioner, Ken Hilliard, Board of Commissioners, and Bryan Harris, Pleasanton Twp. rep., along with Board guest Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones, Lakeshore Environment rep.

Also present were guests.

**Approval of minutes:**

It was moved by Caver Edwards and supported by Mark DiBenedetto, to approve the minutes of the Lake Improvement Board meeting held May 21, 2009.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:**

There was no report.

**Other Business:**

Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones (accompanied by board member Mark D.) provided her findings from the Grid Matrix performed on Bear Lake-it was determined that only 8 acres appear for additional treatment-it should also be noted that the Grid Matrix was expanded to 550 matrix points from 486. Also there appears to be no other invasive species in Bear Lake at this time.

It was brought to our attention that if an adjustment in the assessment is to take place it must be submitted prior to September 1, 2009.

Year long schedule of the Lake Improvement Board of Bear Lake meetings are to be posted at the Bear Lake and Pleasanton Township Halls.

**Public Comment:**

Discussion regarding the marine work being done at the Village site-it was suggested that someone monitor contractor to confirm equipment was properly cleansed.

There being no additional business. it was moved and supported unanimously that the Improvement Board of Bear Lake meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p m.

Next meeting is July 23, 2009.

Bob Yates, Secretary



**MINUTES OF THE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
FOR BEAR LAKE  
AUGUST 20, 2009**

Present: Don Brisbin, chairman, Bob Yates, Secretary, Carver Edwards, Treasurer, Mark DiBenedetto, Drain commissioner, Bryan Harris with Board guest Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones, Lakeshore Environment rep.

Absent: Ken Hilliard

Approval of minutes: motion by Carver Edwards seconded by Don Brisbin to approve July 23, 2009 minutes.

Treasurer Report: Carver provided treasurer report – current balance after third quarter Lakeshore Environmental billing at \$131,706.45.

Motion by Mark DiBenedetto to approve bill from PLM Lake Management Corp. in the amount of \$3,960.00 for 07/16/2009 lake treatment seconded by Carver Edwards.

Public Comment: Mrs. Raiff commented personal guests have noted marked improvement in fishing in Bear Lake. Also should be noted no invasive species (phragmites) on West shore of Big Bay.

Old Business: Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones report to perform water quality study (August 27 – 28) results will be ready for Sept. 17th meeting.

PHRAGMITIES on Blarney Castle property – letter was received from Blarney Castle (attached) with offer to pay half of treatment (\$960.00) improvement board to pay other half – discussed and decided that based on our formulation guidelines the lake improvement board has no jurisdiction to financially assist with treatment.

Mr. & Mrs. Reid (Onekama) provided an extensive educational discussion regarding Phragmites – including its' ability to spread and cleanup/treatment.

Don Brisbin reported that audit paperwork was executed and audit under review. 2009 winter assessment will include 391.1 units – discussion followed and was decided that the 2010 assessment would be set at \$60 per unit – (generate 23466).

Motion by Mark DiBenedetto and seconded by Don Brisbin – all in favor.

New Business: none

Public Comment: Next meeting September 17, 2009 at Bear Lake Township Hall.

Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

**M INUTES OF THE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR BEAR LAKE  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

Present: Don Brisbin, chairman, Robert Yates, secretary, Carver Edwards, treasurer, and Mark DiBenedetto, drain commissioner.

Absent: Ken Hilliard and Bryan Harris.

Guest Present: Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones, Lakeshore Environment rep.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Don Brisbin, seconded by Mark DiBenedetto to approve August 20, 2009 minutes.

Treasures Report: Carver reports current balance is \$127,946.64 also check was presented from Pleasanton Township in the amount of \$1201.78 to satisfy their agreed upon contribution.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: Jennifer Jones presented results from the expanded grid matrix 2009 summer aquatic report with the following results:

- (1) no new millifol
- (2) additional new good weeds
- (3) spot treatment recommended

Update regarding treatment of phragmites on South Shore on real estate owned by Blarney Castle (see letter attached) - balance of \$960.00 paid for by private donors and Ladies of Lake (see letter attached).

Results from audit (2008) - excellent condition!

Discussion took place regarding the treatment of Portage Lake - (Onkama) conditions is extremely bad - we are extremely lucky to have started our treatment as early as we did!

Reported that Kendra Rhody will follow thru with \$60.00 (2010 assessment).

New Business: None

Public Comment: Bear Lake property owners currently striving to improve fishing in Bear Lake with Mr. Don Raiff spearheading the effort to complete survey regarding suggestions.

Next Meeting December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.