

**Bear Lake Improvement
Minutes
August 17, 2023**

Pledge:

Call to Order:

The Meeting was call to order by President, Bob Yates at 7:00pm, at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

Roll Call:

Those is attendance were Gary Schwaiger, Manistee County Drain Commissioner, Dave Adams, Treasurer/Pleasanton Township Representative, Bob Yates, President/Bear Lake Township Representative, Rita Brisbin, Secretary, and Janice McCraner, County Commissioner.

Absent: Rodney Gee

Guest: Bill Beaver and Don Raiff.

Minutes:

A motion to accept the July 20, 2023 minutes was made by Dave, seconded by Gary. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave gave the report from the Manistee County Treasurer's office as follows;

Recap activity thru 8/1/2023

2023 Expenses \$33,787.00

Total 2023 Revenue \$50,363.76

Beginning Balance as of 01/01/2023	\$155,747.53
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2023 revenue	50,363.00
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2023 Expenses	<u>\$ (33,787.00)</u>
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Total available as of 8/01/2023	\$172,324.29
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A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as give was made by Janice, seconded by Gary. The motion carried.

Bills:

JackPine - \$255.95 and \$323.00 Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes (Legal)

A motion to pay the bills was made by Dave, seconded by Gary. The Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Don Raiff reported that there will be no boat washing on August 22, 2023.

Old Business:

1. Status of Audit Search-Bob reported that he had receive a quote from a local auditor of \$4000.00. This year Gabridge will be \$3,100.00. No decision was made at this meeting.
2. Copies of the letter sent to local realtors and title companies was distributed to the Board.

New Business:

1. On going budget-
 - a. Bob explained the correction to last months budget.
A motion to revise the July budget was made by Gary, seconded by Dave. The motion carried.
 - b. The August on-going budget was reviewed by the board.

A motion to accept the August budget was made by Janice, seconded by Janice. The motion carried.

2. RLS-Mike Solomon representative from RLS reported that there were 4 acres of milfoil was found. They will be treating next week.

3. Establish 2024 Assessment which will appear on the 2023 Winter Tax. After discussion the board felt the assessment should remain at \$125.00.

A motion to set the 2024 Assessment at \$125.00 was made by Dave, seconded by Gary.

Roll call vote: Gary-yes, Dave-yes, Rita-yes, Bob-yes, and Janice-yes. The motion carried.

4. Reminder—**FULL** attendance is essential to approve Aug. minutes.

Bob has not yet received a bill from PLM for August treatment, so suggested we preauthorize payment up to \$5,000.00. A motion to spend up to \$5,000.00 to satisfy treatment was made by Janice, seconded by Gary. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Don Raiff asked Mike about possible new invasive species and build up of herbicides build up.

Don was given the answers to his questions as prepared by Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz—Jones who is our Certified Professional Watershed Manager from RLS.

Board Comment:

Bob adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

The next Meeting is September 14, 2023, at 7:00pm, at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rita Brisbin, Secretary