

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2019  
Billings Township Hall

Meeting called to order by Chairman Doug Enos – 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Carol Ayers, Larry Woodard, Doug Enos, Bob Kelly, Jeanette Snyder, Ray Drumright, Joel Vernier

Board Members Absent: Robert Evans, Dennis McBride,

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler from Progressive AE; Casey Shoaff from PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation; five members of public

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited

Correspondence:

Wilma Thurston (Billings Township Representative) sent a letter resigning from WLIB.

WLIB Membership changes for 2019

The new Billings township representative is Carol Ayers.

Gladwin County Commissioner Joel Vernier will serve on the WLIB replacing Sandra Aultman.

The board contact list will be updated.

Larry Woodard applied to continue as 'member at large' on WLIB. Chairman Enos solicited the room for other candidates. No one volunteered nor provided information on other candidates.

Motion to elect Larry as member at large was made by Bob Kelly and seconded by Joel Vernier.

Board members (Larry did not vote on this motion) unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Election of Officers for 2019

Larry Woodard made a motion to keep officers the same as in 2018. Bob Kelly seconded the motion.

Board members unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. Result:

Chairman – Doug Enos

Treasurer – Robert Evans

Secretary – Ray Drumright

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the October 10 2018 meeting

Motion to accept and file minutes by Jeanette Snyder and seconded by Larry Woodard.

Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Paul Hausler handed out 1) an article titled 'Shoreland Management'; 2) the proposed annual budget and plan 2017-2020 that included harvest and herbicide costs for 2019; and 3) copy of an email describing the anticipated dates of plant surveys and treatments over the next month. Item 1 will be uploaded to the WLIB website.

Paul has looked at several canals from the shoreline and anticipates to assess weed growth on the lake on May 15 and May 16. Paul anticipates slow weed growth early in the season due to the extended draw down of the lake but normal weed growth is expected later in the season. Algae growth and treatments are expected to be normal. There could be reduced weeds in sandy areas (freeze kill) but

this is unlikely in areas with heavy organic sediment. Some native weeds, like pond weed, can thrive after a draw down so more harvesting may be necessary. Paul expects that any impact of draw down on weed growth will be short term.

A new herbicide, ProcellaCOR, with effectiveness against milfoil may be tried in 2019. Potential treatment areas that have been historically bad for milfoil are identified. The new herbicide is in liquid form and therefore not ideal for a lake with high water turnover like Wixom. The new herbicide is fast acting and is guaranteed for 3 years in use areas over 10 acres. The DEQ must be notified 10 business days prior to use of ProcellaCOR.

#### Financial:

Due to absence of Bob Evans a financial statement was not provided or discussed. Doug Enos did discuss an error in Gladwin County special assessments for lake treatment that resulted in under collection in previous years which has been addressed. Doug also provided an invoice from the Midland Daily News for publication of the 2019 WLIB meeting schedule. Payment of the invoice was preapproved as indicated in the October 2018 minutes.

#### Public Comment:

Member of public asked for an explanation of areas of Wixom Lake in Gladwin County covered by WLIB which was addressed.

Member of public mentioned an outbreak of purple loose strife on island across from Guernsey Creek. Paul Hausler indicated that there are herbicide treatments but recommended consideration of a beetle that selectively consumes the invasive species. It is too late to get the beetle this year but there is plenty of time to arrange for next year. Somebody has to pick up the beetles. Volunteers to place the pots containing the beetles also needed.

#### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Bob Kelly, seconded by Larry Woodard. Board members unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. 6:30 pm.

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6 pm

Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright