HILAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
JANUARY 7, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brennan at 4:01 PM. The meeting was held with board members present in person. The meeting was held subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, as amended by 2020 PA 228, and was noticed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (P.A. 1976. No. 267).

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Sample, Dennis Brennan, Mark Haddlesey, Valerie Niemiec
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mitch Dempsey
ALSO PRESENT: Ron Connelly, HLPOA President;
ALSO PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mark Kieser and Natalie Howard of Kieser and Associates

CALL TO PUBLIC: Opened and closed at 4:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Niemiec and supported by Haddlesey to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Niemiec and supported by Haddlesey to approve the 03/12/24 Meeting Minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Kieser & Associates – Review of 2024 Treatments and Findings

A few key highlights: Consistency in observations, scanning 70+ spots twice each year; plant community metrics show continued progress; weed treatments deemed very successful, need to focus on Eurasian milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and starry stonewort.
Water clarity stable over 30 years (Secchi depth); phosphorus trend worth watching (it is coming from upstream).

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Renew contract for 2025 Season with Kieser & Associates:* **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Haddlesey to renew the Kieser contract for one more year at the same price. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. *Renew contracts with Aquaweed and Savin:* The Board continues to support the multi-year contracts in place with Aquaweed and Savin.
3. *Discuss treatment plan for the 2025 Season:* Talk to Casey at Aquaweed regarding very early algae treatment to kill it before it grows*;* algae is particularly a problem when ice is out early; if ice has been thick likely less of a problem
4. *Discuss timeline for renewal of SAD:* Revisit budget at end of 2025 treatment season to see if we can extend for one more year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Niemiec and supported by Haddlesey to adjourn at 5:38 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by: Valerie Niemiec, Secretary