HILAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brennan at 10:00 AM. 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: Mitch Dempsey, Frank Sample, Dennis Brennan, Mark Haddlesey, Valerie Niemiec
ALSO PRESENT: Ron Connelly, HLPOA President
ALSO PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mark Kieser, Kieser and Associates

CALL TO PUBLIC: Opened and closed at 10:01 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Niemiec and supported by Sample to approve the 01/07/25 Meeting Minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Review of 2025 treatments and results to date:* This has been a great year for lake quality and successful treatments. Lake is in balance. Aquaweed and Savin have been excellent service providers. Reviewed 2024 results that determine Hi-Land Lake phosphorus comes from upstream.
2. *Discuss transition of lake weed management from HLIB to HLPOA:* Timeline, financial resources, and administrative/contract management were discussed. **Motion by Brennan and supported by Haddlesey to have Mitch Dempsey reach out to county legal council for options. MOTION CARRIED.**
3. *Discuss upcoming challenges regarding lake weed management:* Brennan reported that the lake is now experiencing an alarming late bloom of starry stonewort; Brennan will contact Savin and Aquaweed to inquire about additional Fall treatment options. Kieser discussed aggressive treatment options for Spring green algae, particularly in Sunset Bay, using an algae-side and Phoslock together as early Spring treatment. Sunset Bay needs water movement to discourage algae; Kieser suggested using chemicals coupled with fans. Although most of our phosphorus comes from upstream, residents can help by not burning close to the lake (ashes are very high in phosphorus) and banning fertilizers near shoreline. It is illegal to dispose of leaves in a Michigan lake.

CALL TO PUBLIC: Opened and closed at 11:19 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dempsey and supported by Haddlesey to adjourn at 11:19 AM. MOTION CARRIED.

Prepared by: Valerie Niemiec, Secretary