

**HILAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Dennis Brennan 3:03 PM. The meeting was held with board members present in person, with electronic remote access available for the public. 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: Dennis Brennan, Charlie Gabbard, Douglas Helzerman, Drain Commission Designee Mitch Dempsey, Valerie Niemiec

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT via Zoom: Eric Calabro and Jeff Pierce from EGLE; Mark Kieser and John Jacobson from Kieser and Associates

CALL TO PUBLIC

Opened at 3:04 PM

No public in attendance.

Closed at 3:04 PM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Helzerman and supported by Gabbard to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented for August 3, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Discuss findings of EGLE representatives relative to pending permit for DASH.* Eric Calabro from EGLE spoke regarding his personal observation from the prior week that Area 1 (Turtle Bay) has 90+% infestation of starry stonewort growing within a foot of the surface. Questions regarding mitigation techniques, bagging, and containment of bulbils were answered by Kieser and Associates. Following receipt of means and methods response from the selected contractor (through K&A), EGLE asserted that there is nothing stopping issuance of the permit, which should be in hand by September 10. A sample of the EGLE Notice of Authorization was forwarded by Jeff Pierce to Dennis Brennan to expedite counter-signed approval.
2. *Discuss timing of DASH pilot:* The Board discussed the pros and cons of a Fall DASH pilot. Although an earlier summer pilot would have been preferred by all parties, the Board agreed to proceed this year, based on assertions from K&A that the contractor was fully aware of the starry volume and would be held to the terms of their bid response and contract.

3. **A motion was made by Dempsey and supported by Helzerman to approve the EGLE permit contingent upon review by Brennan and Mark Kieser. Roll call vote: Yeas: Gabbard, Helzerman, Brennan, Dempsey, Niemiec. Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. *Discuss options for weed locked residents:* Recent harvesting unlocked residents in areas not targeted by the DASH pilot. No additional action will be taken at this time.
5. *Approve reimbursement to HLPOA for weed treatment:* HLPOA invoices for PLM treatment were presented to Mitch Dempsey for reimbursement; payment is expected in approximately two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Helzerman and supported by Brennan to adjourn at 4:55 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by: Valerie Niemiec, Secretary

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