

	PENTWATER LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD https://www.pentwaterlakeboard.org May 1, 2023 Pentwater Park Place Meeting Center; 310 N. Rush Street
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Primozich called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
ROLL CALL	Members Present: Tim Beggs, Lynn Cavazos, Jeff Hodges, Michelle Martin, Joe Primozich. Absent: None. Others Present: Recording Secretary, Siok.
AGENDA	Chair Primozich asked for approval amending the agenda to start with public comments resuming the meeting from the closed session of Board discussing the legal opinion that was received. Motion by Martin, second by Cavazos to amend the agenda starting with public comments after resuming from closed session regarding legal confidential opinions received. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT	Motion to close the regular meeting to go into closed session by Beggs, second by Cavazos at 4:03 PM. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
CLOSED SESSION	Motion to go into closed session by Cavazos, second by Beggs at 4:04 PM. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL	Members Present: Tim Beggs, Lynn Cavazos, Jeff Hodges, Michelle Martin, Joe Primozich. Absent: None. Others Present: Recording Secretary, Siok.
CLOSED SESSION	Motion to end closed session by Hodges, second by Martin; at 4:31 PM. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Primozich called the regular meeting to order at 4:33 PM.
ROLL CALL	Members Present: Tim Beggs, Lynn Cavazos, Jeff Hodges, Michelle Martin, Joe Primozich. Absent: None. Others Present: Recording Secretary, Siok.
SUMMATION Review & Action	Motion by Martin, second by Beggs, to make legal opinion public and non-confidential pending legal approval. Roll Call Vote: Martin, yes; Beggs, yes; Cavazos, yes; Hodges, yes; Primozich, yes. All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA	None.

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 3, 2023 Review & Action	<p>Motion by Martin and second by Beggs to approve the PLIB Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2023 as presented. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.</p>
TREASURER’S REPORT TREASURER’S REPORT Review & Action	<p>Treasurer’s report was presented by Lynne Cavazos. Discussion was held regarding current interest rate on accounts.</p> <p>Motion by Martin and second by Hodges to have Lynn look at other investing options for Pentwater Lake Improvement Board Accounts. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Motion by Martin and second by Beggs to receive the Treasurer’s report as presented by Lynne Cavazos.</p>
BILLS PAID/ CHECK DISBURSEMENTS Review & Action	<p>Motion by Beggs and second by Martin to approve the expenditures and bills as presented by Treasurer Lynne Cavazos. Roll Call Vote: Beggs, yes; Martin, yes; Cavazos, yes; Hodges, yes; Primozich, yes. All Ayes. Motion passed.</p>
UNFINISHED BUSINESS Channel Dredging Legal Opinion	<p><u>Martin</u> explained that per attorney approval, once the confidential document is made non confidential, will be available to the public. At this time, it is confidential. She said, “In summation, part 309 only allows dredging projects on a lake, it does not authorize dredging improvements on a channel outside Pentwater Lake. The Lake Improvement Board cannot utilize assessments collected for weed control and earmark those to any dredging activities.”</p> <p><u>Martin</u> said, “In addition, we had asked about contributions based upon request, and can PLIB assess the Village of Pentwater or Pentwater Township, in access excess assessments to contribute towards dredging. The Lake Improvement Board cannot do this, unless an approved permissible dredging project is for the lake itself.” She said asked if the Lake Improvement Board can use funds collected to support the Watershed Committee if proposed at the next budget hearing; if the Watershed Committee’s activities are not related to the aquatic weed control project on the lake or related to the Watershed, not the lake itself, the funds cannot be used. Can funds be used to fund any studies by the Watershed Improvement Projects conducted by the Friends of the Watershed Committee and/or Pentwater Lake Association, similar to the answer above, if the ongoing project or improvement encompasses of what’s in the scope of the Lake Improvement Board.” Martin said this is a summation and once it is made non confidential, copies will be given to both the Village and the Township.</p> <p><u>Primozich</u> said now that The Big Sandy Bend Project is no longer being supported, it will be deferred back to the Conservation District, which originally set up the project and regarding the dredging question, being the second longest point of concern will be deferred back to the Dredging Committee and Friends of The Pentwater Watershed, will be turned back to the POA. He said going forward, these will not be a part of our discussion today.</p>

<p>Expanding Lake & Shore Manager's Position</p>	<p><u>Primozych</u> said expanding the lake & shore managing position is a new aspect to improving the shore line that could be added to the future Five-Year Plan in correlation to the Penwater Lake Improvement Board Mission Statement. He suggested the manager's position have a two-part title; Water & Shore Lake Shore Manager or Lake & Shore Manager, to assist in improving the score of the shore and expanding the mission statement and setting up goals and objectives.</p> <p><u>Martin</u> asked Rick if this was over and above what is currently expected of the manager position.</p> <p><u>Rick Buteyn</u> said, "Typically shore line management is the responsibility of the riparian who owns that property; a lake manager consultant is hired to educate the riparians." He asked in what way are you looking to implement the shore version because the PLIB does not have jurisdiction to change without permission and asked if the Board wants to pursue funding to evaluate the shore line, or is the Board looking to oversee the projects that homeowners are conducting or what projects are under that scope.</p> <p><u>Primozych</u> replied, "The availability of any water improvements at the shoreline contact zone as well as manicured lawns that approach the lake by providing grants or vehicles for them to utilize. Primozych referred as example, to trees or wood in the water, saying, as they fall into the water, become environments for multiple species; "How do we educate what grants and applications are available to riparians?"</p> <p><u>Cavazos</u> said the Lake Association has talked about areas that are not private property and areas that small projects could be taken.</p> <p><u>Buteyn</u> asked what is the intention of those lake shore manager duties; is it to find grants for riparians or for the Board and would like to have the duties outlined because the scope would vary from project to project which could be proposed as time and material.</p> <p><u>Primozych</u> said the intent is to find ways to improve the score for the shore; there are multiple facets to approach the shoreline and how to utilize and implement resources for the health of the lake to improve the shoreline.</p> <p>Motion by Cavazos, second by Hodges to set up an RFP for a Lake and Shore Manager for Pentwater Lake in the next 5-year plan. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Opposed: None. Motion passed.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS Five-Year Plan</p>	<p><u>Buteyn</u> said the cost breakdown will be different now that an RFP will be set up to include a Lake & Shore Manager but focusing on exotic invasives and other projects as previously managed including the website and administrative and consultant fees.</p>
<p>Annual Lake Report</p>	<p><u>Primozych</u> summarized the Annual Lake Report for 2022.</p>

<p>Apache Hills Channel Management Plan</p>	<p><u>Primozich</u> said the Apache Hills Association discussed the possibility of chemically treating their channel every third year and asked when it would be safe to swim after an herbicide treatment and presented a proposal.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding private management liability versus hiring another outside commercial treatment and liability.</p> <p>No action needed at this time.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date: June 5, 19, or 26 (TBD)</p>	<p>Monday, June 19, 2023 scheduled to meet and review RFPs.</p>
<p>BOARD COMMENTS</p>	<p><u>Martin</u> commented on Chapter 22 of the Drain Code vaguely talks about Watershed Management. Two Bills have been introduced and if anyone is interested or has questions, contact Representative VanderWall: Email address: CurtisVanderWall@house.mi.gov</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>	<p><u>Dean Gustafson</u> commented on a Lake & Shore Manager.</p> <p><u>Rich Pugsley</u> commented on grant money and surveys.</p> <p><u>Pay Hooyman</u> commented on the definitions of the lake, channel and wetlands and where does the lake end.</p> <p><u>Tom Walter</u> commented on Score of the Shore and Lake Manager and partners such as the PLA, the Township, the Village and EGLE, etc.</p> <p><u>Tave Reser</u> commented on the legal opinion regarding dredging.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING DATE</p>	<p>Next Meeting Scheduled for June 19, 2023, 4:00 PM; Park Place.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Motion by Beggs and second by Cavazos to adjourn at 6:20 PM. Voice Vote: Motion to adjourn by unanimous consent.</p>
<p>MINUTES PREPARED By B. Siok, Recording Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>Barb Siok</u> <u>07/25/2023</u> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p> <p>Approved as amended on page 2 at meeting held July 25, 2023.</p>