

BEAR LAKE LAKE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday December 12, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Laketon Township Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Kim Arter at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

- **Present:** John Snider, Darrell VanFossan, Kim Arter and Brenda Moore
- **Absent:** Steve Johnson
- **Also:** Dr. Jennifer Jermalowiz-Jones of RLS, Recording Secretary Veronica West and four (4) area citizens.

MINUTES: John Snider moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019 as presented. Darrell VanFossan supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The minutes will be placed on file.

REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Quarterly Report:** Darrell VanFossan gave a brief synopsis of the report. John Snider moved to accept the report. Brenda Moore supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote and the report will be placed on file.
- **Restorative Lake Sciences Bid Comparison:** Dr. Jones presented her year end report to the Board. She stated the report is very dry with a lot of data tables, but represents all the baseline data required by EGLE (Dept. of Energy Great Lakes and Environment which was formerly known as the DEQ) for the laminar flow aeration permit. She noted there were 9 sampling locations around the lake where samples were taken in April, July and September and were tested for numerous physical and chemical parameters. She did also touch on EGLE requirements for samples to be taken in February at the deepest parts of the lake (through the ice) but this can be excused by EGLE if there isn't safe ice on the lake. There was also discussion & brainstorming by the Board for ways to get the samples; John Snider suggested contacting the City of North Muskegon Fire Dept. as he believes they have a hovercraft that could potentially be used and Brenda Moore the County of Muskegon also has a hovercraft that may be a potential resource. Dr. Jones explained that once an aeration permit is granted, then these same locations will be sampled and tested on similar dates for the same parameters for comparisons in years 1, 2 & 5. She went on to suggest submitting this data to ELGE in advance of the permit application so they have plenty of time to review the data because they may require additional data for the permit. Dr. Jones estimated that with the permitting process, the earliest date the aeration system could be installed, would be late summer to early fall of 2020. Brenda Moore asked if the data obtained so far would be useful to turn in to the State legislators that have been met with already to try to obtain appropriation funds to help pay for this project. Dr. Jones felt that it would be important information to get to these legislators. Darrell VanFossan asked Dr. Jones about the aeration permit fee. Dr. Jones estimated the cost to be about \$500.00. There was also some general discussion of any potential data the state may ask for. Dr. Jones also presented the Board with the RLS contract renewals documents. Brenda Moore asked if all the costs & services would be the same as before. Dr. Jones said they

were, but noted regular BLLB meetings are included, but that extra EGLE or State meetings would be billed extra at the stated hourly rate. Kim Arter commented she feels it would be more prudent to give all the Board members time to review this contract in depth and put it on the next meeting agenda for the Board vote; members present all indicated agreement with this suggestion.

Darrell VanFossan asked about a contract w/EverBlue. Dr. Jones indicated that the contract negotiations usually take a few drafts to get it to a final form that everyone agrees on. She asked if RLS can officially send an award letter to EverBlue to let them know they are the chosen contractor for the aeration system so they can start working on a contract document and permit application forms. Brenda Moore moved to authorize RLS Consulting to send an award letter to EverBlue notifying them of being the awardee, to instruct them to begin drafting a contract and begin gathering documents for the EGLE permit application packet. John Snider supported the motion. Darrell VanFossan questioned sending them an award letter before a contract was agreed up. After discussion noting that this award letter is not a contract, but simply a notification to begin contract negotiations a roll call vote on the motion was made.

Roll Call:

Yes: John Snider, Darrell VanFossan, Brenda Moore and Kim Arter

No: None

Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATION: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

BOARD COMMENT:

- John Snider - gave extremely positive recognition to Brenda Moore for an amazing presentation made at the Muskegon Rotary Club recently, noting it covered the duties and history of the Drain Commissioners office and current events & projects undertaken by her office. He noted everyone was spellbound and no one left early.

ADJOURN: John Snider moved to adjourn the meeting. Darrell VanFossan supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Veronica West
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Bear Lake Lake Board on _____.

Signed: _____.