

BEAR LAKE LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday March 11, 2021, 6:00PM

Virtual Tele-Meeting held via Zoom as permitted by Governor Whitmer's
Executive Order #2020-75

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Kim Arter at 6:05PM

ROLL CALL:

- **Present:** Kim Arter, Darrell Van Fossan, Brenda Moore, and Craig Howell
- **Absent:** Doug Brown
- **Also:** Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of RLS, and Tracy DeMarse (NM City Treasurer)

MINUTES: Minutes will be presented next month

REPORTS:

- **Restorative Lake Sciences** – Dr. Jones reported she is working with EverBlu and the permit is still in review. They are working with the State to get questions answered. Dr. Jones noted that the lakes are starting to open up so they should be able to get out for surveying and sampling near the end of April. It may be possible for someone to go out with them if interested. More to come. Darrell let the Board know that Bear Lake is fully melted. He inquired about doing the executive summary for the residents. Brenda offered to write summary and have Dr. Jones review it. Kim informed Dr. Jones and the Board that Horton Park is going to be closed during the year for improvements so access to the boat launch may be hindered during the project. Darrell asked Dr. Jones if the permit process is following the “normal” path. Dr. Jones and Kim both noted that so far the process is going smoothly and there have not been any curveballs or unexpected questions or delays. Dr. Jones discussed why BLLB is seeking the aeration permits for the new Board member Craig Howell. She explained that blue-green algae feeds off the nutrients in the lake and so the water movement helps to disburse nutrients to cut down food for the algae. Moving into the future microbes hope be introduced as part of the treatment plan. Brenda asked if there was a “New Member Packet” for new board members. Darrell and Kim discussed the various points of information. The website along with the book that was put together by the Preservation Association are great resources.
- **EverBlue** – None
- **Treasurer** – Darrell Van Fossan noted that the 2020 Treasurer’s Report and the 2021 Budget are on the website.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Kim Arter relayed an email from Sam Janson, NM City Manager, regarding resident questions about lake-safe fertilizer options and if the Board would be willing to research and make recommendations. Brenda forwarded a link put out by the State Extension office. Low nitrogen and low phosphorus are recommended. Dr. Jones will create a document with recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Darrell asked about the timeline for installation of the aeration system. Brenda and Dr. Jones replied that ideally the system will be installed by September.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kim Arter presented the PLM invoice for the 2021 Permit Fee for spraying.

Motion by Brenda Moore, support by Darrell Van Fossan to approve PLM invoice 3001320 in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2021 permit application fee. Roll Call Vote: Brenda-Yes, Darrell – Yes, Craig – Yes, Kim – Yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bonnie Slayton (524 Lake Dr) requested Craig’s email address. Bonnie discussed the email she forwarded to the Board that she received from a different lake association. She pointed out that MSU is scheduling a mobile boat wash. Kim noted that the Preservation Association may be interested in this. Darrell said that he needs to schedule a meeting for the Preservation Association. They haven’t met in quite awhile due to the pandemic. Bonnie also discussed a conference at the end of the month for the MI Natural Shoreline.

BOARD COMMENT:

- Brenda Moore - let the Board know that her title has changed to Water Resources Commissioner to better reflect the scope of the department. She also informed the Board that Dallas Goldberg was hired as the new Deputy.
- Darrell Van Fossan – welcomed Craig to the Board. Darrell also told the group that he will not be at the April meeting.
- Dr. Jones – let the Board know that they have a new staff member (Alex) that will be working in the field with Grant.
- Kim – discussed the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership meeting. Darrell and Brenda were in attendance where they discussed that aeration is a benefit to water quality. Kim gave an update on the Zeypher site. She noted that there will be more testing and sampling along Bear Creek and moving along the opposite side of M120. Also discussed at the Watershed meeting, the Dalton Supervisor discussed that there is possible high PFAS found around the Ott/Storey, Duell/Gardener and the former Northside Dump. Kim will pass on more information as she receives it.
- Craig – looks forward to being part of the Board.

ADJOURN: Motion by Darrell Van Fossan, support by Craig Howell to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tracy DeMarse
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Bear Lake Lake Board on May 13, 2021

Signed: _____