

**GUN LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (GLIB) MINUTES**  
**October 19, 2023; 6:00 p.m.; Orangeville Twp. Hall, 7350 Lindsey Rd., Plainwell**

A meeting of the GLIB at 6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE-ROLL CALL

Present: Vivian Conner, Jim Dull, Doug Kammeraad, Gale Dugan, Deb Masselink, Mark Doster, Chuck Karmes, Denise Medmar (excused) and Jan Lippert (excused).

Others Present: Pete Filpansick– SOLitude Lake Management, Greg Chandler, and Elizabeth Hutton.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented. Deb Masselink added a line item under New Business line item A) Gun Lake Protection Association, tank pumping invoice & another for Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) form presentation to line item.

- Motion by Jim Dull, seconded by Gale Dugan, to approve the agenda as amended; all ayes, motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Vivian Conner amended under the Agenda to have the words as amended added and amended under Presentations to add the motion for Resolution 23-01 honoring Mr. Robert Perino.

- Motion by Gale Dugan, seconded by Doug Kammeraad, to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes as amended; all ayes, motion passes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers Report for August 2023, Cash \$230,756.86. United Bank (Savings) \$42,784.92.  
Treasurer's Report for September 2023, Cash \$204,992.79. United Bank (Savings) \$42,793.99.  
The Treasurer's Report for October 2023 was presented to the board for their information.  
Vivian went over the Expenditures, all of the SOLitude have been paid for the year (2023).

- Motion by Doug Kammeraad, seconded by Deb Masselink, to receive and file August 2023 Treasurer's report as given, all ayes, motion passes.
- Motion by Doug Kammeraad, seconded by Deb Masselink, to receive and file September 2023 Treasurer's report as given, all ayes, motion passes.

- Motion by Gale Dugan, seconded by Jim Dull that the October 2023 Treasurer's report is for informational purpose only, all ayes, motion passes.

#### SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Pete Filpansick spoke regarding EGLE hosting a seminar regarding their report on wake boats. Pete was unsure of the date of the seminar. EGLE put out a bulletin in September regarding an invasive plant that was found called Hydrilla. It was found in Berrien Springs, in two residential ponds. Pete did not have a monthly update. Pete spoke about the 2023 Annual Report, he apologized there was only one copy printed for the meeting and that this Annual Report is a draft at this time. Pete will have the PDF of the report emailed to the board for review. Pete asked if anyone one had questions or changes to let them know. He will give a final date to respond in his email. He will give a SOLitude will have the final report of the 2023 Annual Report delivered by the end of November 2023.

#### OLD BUSINESS

FOIA update; Clark-Hill (Jay Fleming) emailed Jim Dull and state that he is working on it.

WEBSITE update; the Barry County IT department was able to supply the analytical information from July 1, 2023 through October 15, 2023, there were 74 views and 23 unique users. The board discussed the description of the Gun Lake Improvement Board that appears on the website. The board agreed to change the description on the website.

- Motion by Mark Doster, seconded by Deb Masselink to change the website description to what the Organizational Meeting Minute's state from May 22, 2003, the purpose of the Gun Lake Improvement Board is to determine the scope of improvements necessary to protect and improve Gun Lake; to establish a special assessment district; and implement a nuisance aquatic plant control and water quality protection program. All ayes, motion passes.

Vivian Conner spoke to the board regarding the history of Gun Lake Improvement Board.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Deb Masselink spoke regarding the boat washing station invoice.

- Motion by Gale Dugan, seconded by Mark Doster to pay the outstanding invoice for \$400 to Joe and Barb's Septic Service, from the Boat Cleaning Stations line item. Roll call, all ayes, motion passes.

Vivian Conner asked the board about the balance of funds that is in the aquatic herbicide treatments special assessment budget (\$33,105.44), if it should be moved to a savings account (United Bank of Michigan). Jim Dull spoke regarding the money that is in the cash account, Jim's stated that he felt it would be beneficial to move that money into an account that would make money, i.e. savings account or CD. Gale Dugan spoke up regarding the fact that there is a lot of money sitting in the receivables account, all of the bills have been paid for the year. The board has approximately six months before any money will need to be used. Gale felt that

putting the money in a six month CD would be a good idea or higher money market account. Gale strongly feels that financially making this money work for the Gun Lake Improvement and the people of Gun Lake. Vivian stated that she likes the fact that if something were to come up the board would be able to get to the money in the savings account.

- Motion by Doug Kammeraad, seconded by Chuck Karmes to transfer the balance of aquatic herbicide treatments budget of (\$33,105.44) into the Lake Trust savings account. Roll call, all ayes, motion passes.
- Motion by Jim Dull, seconded by Gale Dugan to transfer the balance of the cash account (\$171,000) into the highest yielding financial instrument for the best financial return that the Barry County Treasurer can find for six months. Roll call, all ayes, motion passes.

Vivian Conner spoke regarding continuing a three year assessment period (2025-2027). Vivian stated that the assessments used to be five years, the board change it to three years because a lot changes at the lake in five years. Vivian stated that when it was a five year assessment that is when they got behind the ball with starry stonewort, there were a lot more treatments and harvesting that needed to be done with starry stonewort. They found the starry stonewort in the middle of a five assessment period. The three year assessment period seems to work well for the board and they would like to keep it at a three assessment at this time.

Vivian Conner asked for volunteers from the board to form a committee to work together along with Jim Dull through the winter to develop RFP's (Requests for Proposals). These will be present at the March or April meeting. Chuck Karmes, Doug Kammeraad and Vivian Conner are willing to be on the committee to help Jim Dull with the RFPs. They will meet and discuss in November, at that time they will determine when they will meet again in 2024 to develop the RFPs for Gun Lake Improvement Board.

The first meeting of 2024, will be March 21, 2024 at 6:00p.m at the Orangeville Township Hall, 7350 Lindsey Rd., Plainwell, MI

- Motion by Vivian Conner, seconded by Mark Doster to approve the first meeting of 2024 on March 21, 2024 at 6:00p.m. All ayes, motion passes.

Deb Masselink spoke about the EGLE notice/request form that she received on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The GLPA is working very closely on several projects with the Gun Lake Tribe-Environmental Department-Alex Wieten. Alex sent the notice/request to a few GPLA members. The notice/request is EGLE is picking a few watersheds to study-testing in 2024. One of the watersheds that was chosen is the Kalamazoo River watershed. Gun Lake is part of that watershed. Deb stated that if Gun Lake would like to be included in the study/testing that EGLE will be conducting, the notice/request needs to be filled out and sent back to EGLE. There are multiple tests that EGLE will be testing for. Pete Filpansick stated that EGLE has a program that studies/tests major river basins. They put these river basins on a four year rotation. Next year (2024) the Kalamazoo River, he stated that it would be a really great idea for all the board members and anyone in the public to send an email to EGLE stating that they would like the lake to be part of their study/test. He stated that he is fully in support of the EGLE study/test to be a sampling

site. Deb will send the notice/request to the board members. Gale Dugan stated that he thinks it is a wonderful idea to have Gun Lake sampled by EGLE. Gale stated that the study/testing will establish baselines and also allow people to see what happens in the four year study/testing period.

Jim Dull made a correction to the Motion by Jim Dull, seconded by Gale Dugan to transfer the balance of the Cash account (\$171,000) into the highest yielding financial instrument for the best financial return that the Barry County Treasurer can find for six months. Roll call, all ayes, motion passes. The dollar amount was incorrect, the correct amount it \$170,000.

- Motion by Gale Dugan, seconded by Jim Dull move to reconsider to amend the previous motion to reflect \$170,000 instead of \$171,000. Roll call, all ayes, motion passes.

#### BOARD COMMENTS

Jim Dull commented that he still does not understand how GLIB is ending up with extra money. He stated that he would attribute it to SOLitude guiding GLIB very well.

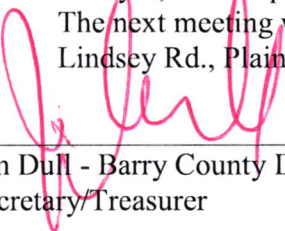
Doug Kammeraad stated that he is happy to see the surplus of money. He stated that surplus of money says a lot for the GLIBoard, says a lot SOLitude and hopefully we can give back on the next assessment.

Gale Dugan, thank Vivian Conner for her diligence, research and hard work that Vivian has done to provide the history of the Gun Lake Improvement Board. Gale stated that the information is very valuable and it is get to see the history.

Jim Dull asked Pete Filpansick about the change to of the treatments to non-copper, it did cost GLIB more money. Has Pete and/or any of the board members receive any feedback from the people, meaning was it more effective or less effective? Jim stated that with the winter of 2022 being so warm that he expected to go over the budget with treatments from SOLitude. Doug Kammeraad agreed 100% on that comment the Jim made. Vivian stated the only things that she has heard is people wanting the harvesters back. Vivian stated the harvesters really just stirred things up more rather taking care of the problems. Deb Masselink stated that harvesting is so expensive and it needs to be done yearly and that harvesting is just reseeding the channels. Deb stated that she has not heard anything better or worse, basically she feels that the people are happy, Vivian agreed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Gale Dugan, seconded by Jim Dull to adjourn at 7:47pm.
  - All ayes, motion passes
- The next meeting will be March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Orangeville Township Hall, 7350 Lindsey Rd., Plainwell, MI.

  
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Jim Dull - Barry County Drain Commissioner  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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