

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN**  
**WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER**  
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Room 2010

**Members Present:** Lauren Smith, Andrew Schmidt, Kathleen Root, Molly Maciejewski, Evan Pratt

**Members Absent:** Mike McCormick, Gary McCririe

**Liaison Absent:** Commissioner Katie Scott

**Public Present:** None

**Staff Present:** Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director  
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor  
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Pratt, supported by Maciejewski to approve the agenda as presented.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*Regular Meeting- April 20, 2022*

Motion by Root, supported by Pratt to approve the meeting minutes of April 20, 2022. Motion Carried.

**4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*

No Public Present.

**5. Reports/Program Update**

**A) Lake Improvement Projects Update**

Koloski reported the 2022 season is starting up. Chain of Lakes have had treatments applied in the canal areas. She mentioned the second survey is scheduled for next week and will determine treatment areas for treatments. She also mentioned surveys will be done for North, Whitmore and Pleasant Lake after the Memorial Day holiday. Koloski also asked board members, about their attendance for the Public Hearings on June 14 and June 23. Maciejewski mentioned she won't be available for those dates. Pratt mentioned he would not be available for June 23. Root asked about how the notice of the public meetings are advertised. Koloski responded, notices mailed to residents within the special assessment district as well as published in local papers. Root also asked about if there are postings with regards to lake treatments. Koloski and Eggermont responded as the areas treated have postings to encourage resident not to mix up the treatment areas as it can cause the effectiveness of the treatments.

Koloski also mentioned she will be providing educational materials at the Public Hearings for residents. She mentioned a course offered by Michigan State University

Extension Office for Introduction to Lakes Course to expand knowledge of lake ecology, watersheds, shorelines and more she will also bring for residents.

Koloski also mentioned that Craig Kivi, a former member of the PBWOA and parcel owner on the west side of Big Portage Lake, is doing a shoreline stabilization project in conjunction with the DNR, EGLE and MSU Extension. They are hoping to establish shoreline stabilization and ecological habitat in this initiative. She mentioned this will be the first year to test this method and will be sharing the results of this project.

Schmidt asked if it was possible to have Craig come into a meeting as a guest to share his project initiatives. Smith asked about Ford Lake and noticed there is an abundance of algae on this lake and asked if there has ever been an interest in pursuing a lake project.

Koloski respond there has not been any contract to us with regards to implementing a project for Ford Lake. Pratt also mentioned there has not been any interest from the township with regards to a project.

**B) PIAC**

No current updates.

**C) WRRMA Update**

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 3/21/2022

Eggermont reported recent meeting they are discussing incentive programs for recycling. WRRMA members are very interested in pursuing incentives for this and looking for buy in for this type of program. Root asked about plans for reformed recycling products based on the recycling numbers. Eggermont mentioned that part of this is usually determined based on where the materials are sent for recycling, and they are working on this as well.

**D) Directors Report**

- Northfield Clean Up Day Schedule

Eggermont provided the Northfield County Clean-Up Day Schedule for 2022. He also reported on the results from the Chelsea Clean-up Day. There were about 25% more residents participating and a lot of electronics received about 50% more than previous year. He mentioned they reached full capacity on those electronics and unfortunately had to turn people away. He also mentioned they are discussing improvements for future event to handle the increased capacity and residents. Root asked about if those residents that were turned away were instructed to bring those items to another event. Eggermont responded that yes, they provided other resources available for those items. There was discussion about corporate sponsorships with regards to electronics recycling.

Eggermont reported that they are working with Manchester as well as other communities for sponsorships for Tire Clean Up days.

Eggermont also mentioned the resolutions in the packet for the Lake Projects for action items.

**6. Action Items**

**A) Memorandum of Claims Vouchers 8323-8324**

Motion by Pratt, supported by Maciejewski to approve Vouchers 8323-8324 as presented. Motion carried.

**B) Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing: Joslin Lake**

Eggermont mentioned this a new project and will be a five-year project and is well supported by residents as well as the township.

Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Root to approve Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing: Joslin Lake. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

C) Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing: North Lake

Eggermont mentioned that this project is expected to be seven-year project and residents are very supportive and project has been renewed several times and there were some changes on a few parcels in the SAD from lake frontage to lake access.

Motion by Smith, supported by Root to approve Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing: North Lake. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

D) Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing: Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes

Eggermont mentioned that this project is expected to a five-year project, he also mentioned that Hamburg Township is pursuing PA188 for Strawberry, Gallagher and Zukey Lakes thus shrinking the current project assessments.

Discussions with the regards to what the board member can expect in these Public Hearings for the proposed lake projects.

Smith asked about updating the Zoom links on the notices and using the code for those attending remotely. Eggermont will amend the Zoom links to also include pre-registration for those interested in attending to register so they can ensure they can obtain access easily.

Motion by Maciejewski, supported by Pratt to approve Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing: Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

**7. Financial Reports**

Received and filed.

**8. Other Business**

Proposed Calendar Meeting Schedule with Public Hearing Dates

Amend Public hearings with time for North Lake and LHRCOL with the meeting dates.

Discussions for cancelling the July 20<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting. Amended to cancel July 20, 2022.

Regular Board Meeting. Member will re-review July 20, 2022, regular meeting to confirm at the June 15, 2022 regular meeting.

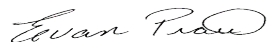
Motion by Pratt, supported by Root to approve the Revised Board of Public Works meeting calendar as amended. Motion Carried.

**9. Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items**

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)\*\*

No Public Present

**10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 a.m.**



Evan Pratt, Secretary