



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
November 18, 2015**

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors met November 18, 2015, at the Indian Lake State Park office, Lakeview, Ohio. President Don Eggenschwiller called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Don Eggenschwiller	President
Jim Ellington	President-elect
Dave Leiter	Secretary/Treasurer
Glenn Ammons	Member
Kay Daugherty	Member
Sharon DeVault	Member
Frank Dietz	Member
Jon Gillespie	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Nancy Roellig	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

The following individuals were also present:

Ben Pile	Indian Lake Resident/ILWP Member
George Sholtis	Indian Lake State Park Manager
Vicky Boots	Executive Director

Prior to the start of the business portion of the regularly scheduled meeting, Patrick Beam, Bassett Associates, presented information regarding the Becker Land Donation and the potential Clean Ohio Fund grant proposal for the Becker Nature Area and Trail Connector. The Clean Ohio Fund has over \$3 million available for use in the district which includes Indian Lake. The proposal includes the establishment and preservation of a high quality wetland area with an approximately 5 acres lake, establish approximately 2 miles of new walking trails and the connection of the area's 2 main trail systems (the John & Mary Rudolph Nature Preserve and the proposed Becker Project) and the existing bike path near Old Field Beach. A total of 10 miles of walking/bike path trails would connect the area along Old Field Beach down to the John & Mary Rudolph project located south of Russells Point along the Great Miami River enhancing opportunities for eco-tourism and development in an economically challenged area. The 5 acre wetland site is being designed to provide additional stormwater storage to the area along State Route 33 near State Route 720. Mr. Beam will be presenting the entire package at a joint meeting of the Village of Russells Point officials and the Washington Township Trustees. The meeting is opened to the public. This project can greatly impact the attraction of a motel to the area by improving the landscape around the proposed motel location. The application deadline for the Clean Ohio Grant is January 15th.

Frank Dietz moved to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2015, meeting as mailed. Kay Daugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank Dietz moved the financial statement for the time period, be approved as presented. Steve Terrill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The list of bills was presented to board members for approval. After review of the outstanding bills Jon Gillespie moved the organizational dues renewal for 2016 for Logan County Area Chamber of Commerce not be paid due to the current uncertainty of funding for the watershed project. Dave Leiter seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dave Leiter moved the bills for the time period be approved and paid as amended. Jim Ellington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Cardmember Services \$ 222.47

USPS –Stamps.com –Postage meter & postage

ORGANIZATIONAL DUES

ILDC – 2016 \$ 25.00

PRINTER LEASE/MAINTENANCE

US Bancorp Equipment Finance – November \$1,150.00

RENT

Logan SWCD – November \$ 250.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUND RAISER – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that Mary Rutan Foundation and Heritage Cooperative have been contacted to participate again in the 2016 Nashville Hitmakers event. Appointments are being scheduled during the month of December to discuss their involvement in the event. The sponsorship levels are being increased to offset the increase in operating expenses for next year’s concert. Sandy and Vicky will be discussing and have finalized before meeting with any additional sponsors for next year. All board members are encouraged to get on board to help contact sponsors. More information will follow at the next board meeting scheduled for January. We all need to get involved to make this year the best that it can be!

OLD BUSINESS

STATE LINE ITEM FUNDING UPDATE – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that she spoke with ILWP Board Member Frank Phelps regarding the ILWP Funding request. Frank spoke with the Speaker of the House aide recently in Columbus. The Speaker reiterated that our funding was dropped because of “political issues” with other elected officials. Board member Steve Terrill offered to contact Rep. Sprague to coordinate a meeting with him and members of the ILWP Board of Directors during the Holiday break to discuss our next step. Steve will be in contact with Vicky with potential dates and times.

NEW BUSINESS

COVER CROP PROJECT – Executive Director Vicky Boots informed board members of the proposed Cover Crop Project with Logan County Natural Resources Conservation District

(NRCS), Logan Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD) and the Indian Lake Watershed Project. A special initiative Environmental Quality Incentive Project grant has been submitted to Ohio NRCS to fund a cost-share program to plant cover crops on cropland in the Indian Lake Watershed project area to help address the sediment and nutrient run-off. Educational outreach meetings will be hosted by the participating agencies in the spring to provide information about successful cover crop seedings and their benefits to soil fertility and erosion control.

STATE PARK UPDATE – Indian Lake State Park Manager George Sholtis reported that:

- Winter projects – painting, new door installations, etc.
- Personnel have been providing assistance to other state parks

The next official ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 9:30 A.M. at the Indian Lake State Park office.

Jon Gillespie moved the meeting be adjourned. Steve Terrill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.