



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MINUTES**  
September 23, 2015

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors met September 23, 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
Kay Daugherty	Member
Sharon DeVault	Member
Frank Dietz	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Nancy Roellig	Member
Steve Terrill	Member
Don Thompson	Member

The following individuals were also present:

Sandy Helgeson	Nashville Hitmakers Event Manager
George Sholtis	Indian Lake State Park Manager
Tom Grabow	ODNR Dredge Maintenance Supervisor
Pam Miller	Executive Director, Indian Lake Area Chamber
Ben Pile	ILWP Member
Jim and Vicki Wolf	Indian Lake Residents
Vicky Boots	Executive Director

Frank Dietz moved to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2015, meeting as mailed. Steve Terrill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Don Thompson moved the bills for the time period be approved and paid as presented. Jim Ellington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**PAID BILLS****PRINTER LEASE/MAINTENANCE**

US Bancorp Equipment Finance – August	\$1,377.00
September	2,442.69

**RENT**

Logan SWCD – July	\$ 250.00
August	250.00

**CURRENT BILLS****OFFICE SUPPLIES**

Cardmember Services	\$ 310.44
USPS –Stamps.com - meter (\$15.99);	
Walmart – Silent Auction baskets, wine glasses (\$55.58)	
Kroger – Silent Auction crackers, jellies (25.74)	
Staples – labels, envelopes, card stock (\$213.13)	

**RENT**

Logan SWCD - September	\$ 250.00
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FUND RAISER – The 2015 Nashville Hitmakers final report was presented to board members. The net profit for the event was \$30,954.67 after payment of Management Fees of \$5,462.59. We definitely need to contact and obtain more sponsorships for 2016. Honda Transmission has indicated they will be on board again next year at a higher level. More board member participation is needed to make potential contacts for new sponsors. This not only lessens the load for Sandy but it also shows more ownership of the project by the board. The songwriter fees may increase in 2016 to allow us to attract new songwriters. To cut back on expenses it is possible that we will have only 6 songwriters next year. This is the same number we had for the very first concert at The Holland Theater.

As advertised a portion of the proceeds will be shared with the Indian Lake Schools Music Department. After much discussion Frank Dietz moved that \$4,000.00 be donated to the Indian Lake Schools Music Department. Nancy Roellig seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Vicky will contact Pat O'Donnell, Indian Lake Schools Superintendent, to make arrangements to deliver the donation.

2015 ILWP ANNUAL MEETING/RECOGNITION BANQUET – The 2015 ILWP Annual Meeting/Recognition Banquet was held Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Indian Lake Community Church Fellowship Hall. Ninety-six supporters attended this year's event. The program portion of the meeting focused on the successes of the watershed project over the past 25 years. Board members were presented a final report for this year's event. Kay Daugherty moved to accept the final report for the 2015 ILWP Recognition Banquet as presented. Frank Dietz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

RAIN GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that she and Logan Soil and Water Conservation District Technician Steve Searson visited the rain garden site the end of August. Surveying was completed and the design plan is being completed. It was

decided that no construction work would be done this year since it is so late in the growing season. Plants would not be established before the onset of cold weather. A 2016 early to late spring projected construction and planting date will be the goal. The off-season will be spent making contacts for the construction material and plants that will be needed for the project. The grant funding that was awarded for the project has been received. These funds will be deposited into a savings account that will be designated for the expenses incurred for the project.

STATE LINE ITEM FUNDING UPDATE – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that a draft contract for the services of Lobbyist Andy Herf has been received. The contract was for the time period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 at the rate of \$2,000/month plus expenses. After a lengthy discussion Frank Dietz moved to not enter into a contract with Lobbyist Andy Herf at this time. Entering into a contract with a lobbyist at this time would not be in the best interest of the watershed project. It would have a detrimental effect on our position with our membership. Nancy Roellig seconded. Motion passed unanimously. We will continue to focus our efforts on our legislators to have the funding request inserted in the interim budget next summer, if not before.

The development of a Community Legislative Committee was discussed. Pam Miller, Executive Director of the Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, suggested representation from ILDC, ILWP and the Indian Lake Chamber meet on a regular basis to discuss issues of the Indian Lake area. Representation from villages and townships on the committee was also discussed. Pam will be presenting to the Chamber board at its next meeting. She will be contacting Vicky with their decision. The topic will be an agenda item at the October ILWP board meeting.

OFFICE COMPUTER UPDATE – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that the new office computer was delivered in August. USDA IT Specialist loaded programs and connected it to the office network. All systems are GO!!

INDIAN LAKE STATE PARK FALL FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that she has been contacted by ILDC member Don Thompson to participate with their organization at the Indian Lake State Park Fall Festival. A display table will be set up for the purpose of providing informational material about the two organizations and their importance to the Indian Lake State Park. It was decided that Vicky would print up membership brochures and educational material for the display. She would help man the display during the festival hours on Saturday and Sunday. Anyone interested in providing some help manning the display, contact Vicky.

DREDGE DAY RECAP – ILWP Board Member and ILDC President Dave Helgeson reported that the DREDGE Day event that was held Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> was very well attended. The event was blessed with beautiful weather and good food. Legislators offered many positive comments about the lake and the surrounding communities. The ILWP funding request removal from the FY 2016 Biennium state budget was addressed. Positive thoughts were provided by those in attendance that the request will be inserted in the interim budget next summer if not before. The Capital Budget focus for next year will be on infrastructure. The Indian Lake spillway project will be addressed by 2017. Eventually there will be dredging done in the main lake area and not just the tributaries. The Division of Watercraft will be focusing more on PR and education next year.

## NEW BUSINESS

BELLEFONTAINE ROTARY CLUB PRESENTATION – SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that on September 14<sup>th</sup> she made a presentation to the Bellefontaine Rotary Club about the Indian Lake Watershed Project. The group was very interested in our accomplishments of the past and our future endeavors. Of course, the question is always asked why we don't have a toxic blue green algae problem locally. Many expressed their appreciation to our organization for getting on board early and its effect on the water quality today. Three new memberships were received as a result of the presentation.

2016 INDIAN LAKE CHAMBER LAKE GUIDE –After a brief discussion Frank Dietz moved the ILWP publish a full page, color ad in the 2016 Indian Lake Guide at the cost of \$950. The guide will be available for distribution in January. Dave Leiter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DREDGE UPDATE – ODNR Dredge Maintenance Supervisor Tom Grabow reported that the 2015 dredge season goal of removing 100,000 cubic yards of dredge material is still realistic. However, problems with the hydraulics on the new dredge have slowed down the process. The problems are being addressed with major repairs to be done in the off season. The dredge will continue to pump until Thanksgiving, weather permitting, despite the bearing issues. One more individual for the dredge crew will be hired yet this year. The Dredge Material Relocation Area (DMRA) at Duff's site is to be completed this fall. Old Field DMRA will be worked on during the off season to have ready for next year.

The ILWP weed harvester was also down because of computer issues. A new unit has been received. A new conveyor will be installed during the off season as well. The ILWP weed harvester has harvested approximately 350 cubic yards of weeds this year. While the ILWP harvester was down for repairs, the statewide harvester was available and harvested approximately 500 cubic yards of weeds. There will not be any clear cutting of weeds done anywhere on the lake. The weeds will be maintained to keep the waters navigable in the channels. The Aquatic Weed spraying project will take place again next in the open waters of the lake at a cost of \$22,000. Aqua Doc will provide the services to complete the project.

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

- Fox Island area was looking great for DREDGE Day thanks to Maintenance Crew “blitz”
- Campground and restrooms ready for weekend activities at the Fall Festival
- Working with ILDC on the Dog Park project at Old Field Beach area
- Eagle Scout project across from Bass Pro is being worked on
- Campground restrooms being addressed with Capital Budget funding

The next official ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 9:30 A.M. at the Indian Lake State Park office.

Nancy Roellig moved the meeting be adjourned. Sharon DeVault seconded. Motion passed unanimously.