

## INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

January 24, 2018

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors met January 24, 2018 at the Indian Lake State Park Campground's Commissary. President Sharon DeVault called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Sharon DeVault            President

Dave Leiter                Secretary/Treasurer

Members: Glen Ammons, Kay Daugherty, Frank Dietz, Don Eggenschwiller, Dave Helgeson, Frank Phelps, Charles Strete, Gabe Wickline.

Also present were the following individuals: Sandy Helgeson, Nashville Hitmakers Event Manager; George Sholtis, Indian Lake State Park Manager; Carlotta and Butch Jones, Volunteers and Residents.

Prior to conducting the agenda items, Sharon DeVault introduced two guest speakers. Ms. Leisha Billenstein is a District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a division of the US Department of Agriculture. Mr. Steve Searson is the District Technician for Logan County Soil and Water, a division of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Their presentation involved the Indian Lake Watershed Special Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Cover Crop Initiative [Initiative] which has been approved for one hundred thousand dollars over a three year period. The Initiative's purpose of preventing soil erosion and water quality degradation fits perfectly with ILWP's mission. Locally, the Soil and Water staff from the three involved counties will be compiling a list of eligible producers and contacting them to educate and assist with completing the necessary paperwork. The Initiative can offer \$60/acre toward cover crops and \$30/acre toward nutrient management to those producers who meet eligibility requirements and complete the enrollment process. Chosen crops or half of any mix must 'over winter', that is not be killed by freezing temperatures. The presenters distributed literature about the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the National Resources Conservation Service of the USDA.

ILWP's role would be assistance with education and organization, especially for items which lie outside the Initiative's funding scope. Examples are: 1) hosting at least one meeting/ year for approximately 200 attendees and 2) supporting costs of some mailing expenses, meeting refreshments, venue rental and speaker's honorarium/ fee. The consensus of the Board is to support this Initiative and wait for the Logan County Soil and Water staff to contact ILWP with the specific Initiative's needs.

Sharon DeVault thanked the presenters and began the business of the meeting at 9:50 A.M. Also, she has agreed to act as the Treasurer Pro Temp since her signature is recognized at the appropriate financial institutions. Kay Daugherty will complete the minutes of the meetings and prepare the agendas.

Frank Phelps moved to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting as distributed this date. Frank Dietz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial reports are tabled until the March 28, 2018 meeting. Sharon DeVault acknowledged the 2017 end-of-year budget and bills per the information distributed this date. She assured the Board members that the necessary bills and financial transactions are being completed through the plan developed in 2017.

Frank Dietz made a motion to continue paying bills as planned. Dave Leiter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislative:** Frank Phelps reported that he has made contact with State Senator <sup>Robby</sup> Mark McColley (Napoleon, Henry County/District 1/ appointed December 2017) and is waiting for his response. Senator McColley's knowledge of Indian Lake, ILWP and the local needs is unknown. Frank Phelps will lead the correction of this lapse.

**Fund Raiser:** Sandy Helgeson has made great progress with the 2018 Hitmakers Concert. Performers James Slater, singer/songwriter/pianist, and Natalie Hemby, *Pontoon*, are scheduled with Dean Dillon, BMI Country Icon award winner, as a possible addition. Sandy anticipates that the final lineup will be available mid-February.

Honda of America has awarded ten thousand dollars to the fundraiser concert, making Honda a platinum sponsor. Sponsor entry level is now three thousand dollars with any and all donations appreciated. Sandy's work continues to raise the bar!

The Hitmaker ad is in the 2018 Indian Lake Guide which has been published and distributed through Indian Lake Chamber events. The ad for Boat Show weekend has been paid.

Sandy delivered sad news related to a former Hitmakers performer. Lari White died very recently due to cancer. She had been very well received by fans here. Following last year's concert, she and her husband made a generous donation to the ILWP scholarship fund because they so greatly enjoyed their visit to Indian Lake. The Board extends condolences to her family.

**Employee Rehire and Funding:** At the last meeting, the Board voted to deposit \$26,700 into the Logan County account. Frank Dietz reported that the deposit has been made on schedule. However, there was a shortfall of slightly over \$3,000 from 2017. Source of the error has not been determined. There is approximately \$24,000 to pay for anticipated 2018 salary costs. Thus, \$20,000 remains for new-hire salary or projects which the Board approves.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**“Where Do We Go From Here” Meetings:** Dave Helgeson summarized the meetings with the results of a survey he developed and conducted. The suggestion of Gabe Wickline was to focus on the top 3-4 items as prioritized by the survey respondents. Those are:

- Visible, measurable projects-rain gardens, floating wetlands, lawn care
- Water quality monitoring
- Funding sources-grants, donations, state budget line item, etc.
- Public relations, marketing, and education (community awareness).

Frank Dietz explained the development of an employment ad. It will be published in the Bellefontaine, Columbus, Dayton and Lima newspapers. Salary numbers were purposely omitted. Discussion among the Board members led to a decision to publish on the first two Saturdays available. Sharon DeVault will pursue the online options as well as contacting a biology professor at Ohio Northern University. Frank Phelps suggested contacting Deb Roberts at Logan County Soil and Water so the open position can be published through their system.

**ILWP Video Project Update:** Sharon DeVault displayed a copy of the Mac McGinnis video. Since there has been some interruption in distribution, Sandy Helgeson will send a copy electronically to Sharon who will then forward it to Board members.

**Monofilament Recycling Program:** Carlotta and Butch Jones were welcomed to the Board meeting and thanked for their work with the project. The couple has volunteered to collect contents of the receptacles throughout the year as needed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Boat Show Weekend:** Sharon DeVault distributed a sign-up form for members to complete with their preferred time slots. Coverage at the ILWP table is needed March 2, 3 and 4, 2018.

**Board Member Resignation:** Board member Nancy Roellig has submitted her resignation due to health concerns. Frank Phelps made a motion to accept the resignation. Dave Helgeson seconded. Motion passed unanimously with an expression of thanks and an invitation to Nancy and Ben to attend meetings whenever possible.

**HAB/ Beach/ Open Water Monitoring:** Mike Fagan from Honda of America has notified ILWP that a donation of \$1,500 has been awarded to cover costs of monitoring for the 2018 season. Many thanks to Honda.

## ACTIVITIES/NETWORKING

**Rushcreek Sportsmen's Club:** Sharon DeVault and Kay Daugherty attended the Club's annual meeting and fish fry on January 6, 2018. Sharon provided their members with a brief update of ILWP activities. Sharon's door prizes included a small hunting knife and holster!

**Water Management Association of Ohio:** Sharon DeVault and Dave Helgeson attended a workshop at Ohio State University on January 17, 2018. The speakers included Greg Nageotte, formerly associated with ILWP and Kurt Keljo, Franklin County Watershed Implementation Coordinator. Through Gregg's current position as a Soil and Water Grant Administrator, he is sending Sharon a database of grant information. Possibly, there is a funding opportunity for a Watershed Coordinator position.

**Indian Lake Area Historical Society:** Ms. Judy Grubbs has communicated to Sharon DeVault that the ILAHS is planning some sort of recognition for Even Stevens, the Indian Lake High School graduate, who has promoted the ILWP and the Nashville Hitmakers fundraiser. Since the Indian Lake schools campus is the anticipated site, Gabe Wickline feels that he and Superintendent Rob Underwood will also participate. Frank Phelps made a motion to include ILWP in the planning and development of this recognition project. Charlie Strete seconded. Because of Even Steven's help to this organization, the motion passed unanimously and enthusiastically.

**Dredge Update/ Indian Lake State Park Update:** State Park Manager George Sholtis provided the following:

- More information on riprap will be available next month
- The dredge, Scout, will be working first in the camp channel, then the Cherokee Landing channel and then move to the Moose area which has needed attention for a long time
- The second dredge will be working in the Indian Lake Shores area if the Manchester DMRA is ready
- The Chippewa boat ramp is going to be repaired or rebuilt before the boating season starts
- Funds have made it possible to purchase 96 new buoys to replace some of the 170 that are placed in the lake each year
- Forty three thousand dollars is available to replace roofs, door closures, sinks and other items as needed in the small restrooms
- The Chippewa Community Improvement Group in conjunction with the State Park will begin playground installation in February
- The new Old Field picnic shelter will be 16' x 20' and built this spring
- Old Field Beach and Fox Island parking lots will be repaired and striped

- The new archery range on Township Road 96 is planned for installation this year
- A donor has supplied money to place a concrete pad and bench in the Lakeview Harbor area in memory of the donor's wife
- The Antique and Classic Boat Society has donated two sets of channel marker buoys which will be placed at Moundwood and Blackhawk
- The Maple Syrup Festival is March 17-18, 2018. Dawn Kramer, a district naturalist coordinator, will be supplying additional educational displays and improving the Nature Center.
- Rock from the spillway construction berm has been offered to the State Park. This would involve over 200 truckloads. Moving the rock to the places of need has not been arranged.

**MISC:** Membership mailings will be done in March.

Minutes from this meeting will be available in the member's folder prior to the February 28, 2018 meeting at the Campground Commissary.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Charlie Strete moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Daugherty

Associated items related to the January 2018 meeting:

- Agenda January 24, 2018
- Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2017
- Bills Needing Board Approval December 31, 2017
- Financial Report November 15, 2017-December 31, 2017
- Employment Ad
- EQIP page and NRCS page