

INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2018

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors met February 28, 2018 at the Indian Lake State Park Campground's Commissary. President Sharon DeVault called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Sharon DeVault President

Dave Leiter Secretary/Treasurer

Members: Kay Daugherty, Frank Dietz, Dave Helgeson, Charles Strete/ Steve Terrill

Also present: Matt Clayton, Resident; Tom Grabow, Dredge Supervisor ODNR; Butch Jones, Volunteer and Resident; George Sholtis, Indian Lake State Park Manager.

President Sharon DeVault suspended financial reports and bills to be paid until the March meeting. She reports that she is paying all necessary bills per the agreement of 2017.

Special Item: The rehiring of Vicky Boots to perform administrative work was introduced by Sharon DeVault. There was no motion for an Executive Session. After minimal discussion, Dave Leiter moved to rehire Vicky Boots at the rate of \$20/ hour effective March 8, 2018. Frank Dietz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Frank Dietz moved to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2018 minutes as distributed this date. Dave Helgeson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report:

- Sharon DeVault reported that she attended an Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce workshop on use of social media on February 27, 2018.
- Sharon has met Beth Seibert who is the Executive Director of the Ottawa River Coalition. Beth has experience with watershed concerns. Beth's advice is that ILWP identify problems in our watershed and then find partners who have a stake in the resolution of the problem.
- Sharon attended the February 22nd meeting of the NRCS Cover Crop Initiative. Attendance included 8-9 farmers. Good information was presented to address a complex practice.
- The memorial plaque for Cliff Hoenie has arrived. George Sholtis believes that Dale Frymeyer, a park volunteer, could place it on the rock with the other memorial plaques. The recognition rock is located on the west bank near the handicapped fishing pier. Sharon will keep the plaque until plans are more definite.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative/ Traffic: Sharon reported that speed limit signs are in place. SR 235 on the north side of the lake has been reduced to 45 mph. Also, there is signage to guide drivers to the state park campground. Signage for the historic post office is in place near Post Office Island; signs on the highway are coming. The next Traffic Meeting will be held March 20th, 2018 at the Chamber office at 9 A.M.

Kay Daugherty mentioned that a resident told her that there are no anti-litter signs anywhere around the lake. The resident's inquiry to the Stokes Township Trustees resulted in a comment that they are not inclined to change the current situation. The discussion included a recommendation that those who collect litter as a community service be recognized for their work and attention to improving Indian Lake.

2018 Nashville Hitmakers: Frank Dietz presented a rental agreement from Longview Cove. There is now a \$500 fee for rental and a need to reserve the date. Dave Duff will waive the rental fee. However, there is a deposit of \$150 which will probably not be refunded, but used for cleaning on Saturday after the Friday evening reception. Since no one could identify a better venue for the reception, Frank Dietz made a motion that Sharon DeVault should sign the rental agreement for August 17th, 2018 and send a \$150 deposit. Charles Strete seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Employee Search: Sharon DeVault has twelve applications as a result of the public notices regarding the position. A Hiring Committee needs to be formed to review the applications and take appropriate action. With volunteers and appointments by the President, Frank Dietz, Frank Phelps, Kay Daugherty and Sharon DeVault were chosen to comprise the Committee. Sharon DeVault's application is included in the twelve. She expressed a willingness to exit at any stage of the process. She applied out of concern for the organization, but has since come to realize the demands of the job. Considering the cost of advertisements (approximately \$450) and courtesy to applicants, the Hiring Committee needs to initiate its work very soon.

Boat Show Weekend: Sharon DeVault expressed the need for volunteers on Saturday. The sign-up list was passed through the members for additional sign-up. Sharon will be setting up displays on Thursday night along with representatives from the Indian Lake Area Historical Society and Zimmerman Realty.

An anonymous donor has paid for the rain barrel so that no funds are needed to enter the raffle. One entry / person/ day will depend on the honor system for compliance.

Fishing Line Collection: Butch Jones presented results of collection this month from the seven current sites. Two locations were missing identifying information. He can provide Sharon with the number of additional collection tubes needed. He has the poles which he installed himself. Also, he may need the address of the recycler. Dave Leiter has material for four additional units. This is a lighter weight PVC which is only available in green. The newer material will decrease costs and is very appropriate for secondary collection units at the more frequently used sites.

NEW BUSINESS:

HAB and Lake Monitoring: Charlie Strete asked if it was possible for the organization to purchase a Garmin. GPS location would provide better consistency in data collection.

Memorial Tree Plaques: Also, Charlie Strete, acting as an ILDC volunteer, requested that members look at the tree plaques as members move through the state park. The newer, metal plaques are coming apart. If any plaques are identified as coming apart, please contact Charlie Strete.

Change in the Joint Board Membership: Sharon DeVault read part of an email which is a notice that Brett Fledderjohann has replaced Rick Place as the Auglaize Soil and Water Conservation District representative on the Indian Lake Watershed Joint Board.

Dredge Update: Tom Grabow said the checks on the new dredge, Scout, are being finished. The new dredge should be operational by the third week in March. Both the Scout and the Chief are scheduled to begin working the first full week in April. The Old field Beach DMRA is being finished; the Chippewa one is finished. The Manchester site needs to drain before any work can be done.

The weed harvester has had bearings replaced and a new ignition system. The ignition controls and gauges are now mechanical. The computer driven controls were a problem from the beginning.

Skids have been purchased to fabricate a duckweed collection system for trial. No commercial equipment is available. When duckweed is corralled and 4-6" thick, collection is much more efficient. A thin layer is not collectable.

The sum of \$325,000 has become available for riprap placement at Indian Lake. Previous priorities for placement will be revisited. Multiple steps remain to obtain vendor approval with regard to riprap size and cost/ton to deliver and place. Indian Lake is the focus for riprap placement.

State Park Update: George Sholtis is preparing for the Maple Syrup Festival, March 17-18, 2018. The evaporator has been repaired and is available for demonstration. A naturalist, Deb Barger, will be providing information and answering questions related to the state park.

The Chippewa playground equipment is scheduled to be installed this summer. A local group from Chippewa has focused on improving their area by organizing fundraisers. Along with contributions from ILDC, the total of \$18,000 was secured.

Since one small shelter for Old Field Beach has been purchased, fund raising for the second one is underway.

Fourteen restrooms on state park grounds will be upgraded. This is badly needed and a key factor related to camper satisfaction with their experience at Indian Lake.

The hiring process for seasonal staff has begun. High school students and all ages to include retirees are welcome to apply. The lifeguarding staff is a concern. At least four persons are needed and only two will be returning. George has information on lifeguard certification which is less costly than the YMCA process.

The spillway construction is moving along well. Final completion, including grass seeding, is scheduled for mid-May. There will be notice of any dedication ceremony through regular news sources. George reported that the lake level has risen 12" due to recent rainfall and this is notable at the higher sections of the spillway.

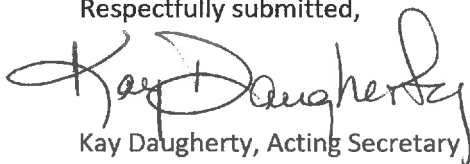
The Chippewa ramp revision to prevent bowing is underway. The \$24,000 cost is funded through Ohio Wildlife. A completely new ramp would cost approximately \$250,000 and require at least two years for design and completion. The current revision will make the ramp functional.

Sharon DeVault inquired about the ILWP March meeting. George agreed that it would be more convenient if the multipurpose building was used for the next meeting.

OTHER: Steve Terrill inquired about the extent of the watershed beyond the spillway. A former railroad trestle at the end of the Rudolph nature area is a barricade to debris from the lake. Sharon DeVault supplied information that the village of Russells Point owns the land on both sides of the trestle and no maintenance funds have ever been available to solve the issue. Technically, this land is not in the watershed. Community involvement will be needed to solve the problem. Steve will contact Dan Reichart to determine if his company has equipment sufficient to handle the snags and debris removal.

ADJOURNMENT: Charlie Strete moved to adjourn the meeting. Kay Daugherty seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next meeting will be held at the multipurpose building on March 28, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Daugherty, Acting Secretary

NOTE: the fishing line recycling address is: Berkley Recycling, 1900 18th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.