

RAINBOW & MIDDLE LAKES
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2021

A meeting of the Rainbow & Middle Lakes, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 15th day of September 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Don Cichon, Pine Township Representative

Bill Cretens, Abutting Property Owners Representative

Doug Smith, Chairperson

Todd Sattler, Secretary, Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: Kathy Bresnahan, Board of Commissioners Representative

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Harrison, Clear Water Lake Management

Gary & Charlotte Klutting, Residents

Gabriel Jones, Resident

Anne Gaylord, Drain Commission

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Don to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bill to approve the minutes from June 2, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Gabriel Jones asked about splitting the lake boards/associations for the two separate lakes. Todd advised that he can talk to legal about splitting the improvement boards, but that will come with a hefty cost. He advised that the better option may be to make separate associations and leave the improvement board as is. Gabriel also asked about the best method for residents to let the chemical applicator know which residents would like the lily pads treated and which ones don't. It was discussed to have people sign up with the applicator, but it is difficult to know the addresses from the lake. It was then decided that the best method would be to have the residents that would like the lily pads treated leave a milk jug out in the lake as a marker. Todd also provided an update on the

Rainbow Lake Drain project and advised that the heavy work will begin in the winter and spring.

OLD BUSINESS.

Weed Control Program

The board mentioned that there are some residents that are unhappy with the level of communication from the applicator. Doug suggested that when there are issues, residents should reach out to him and he will reach out to Mark in order to streamline communications. Mark provided an update on the treatment season, advising that there was a lot of Chara and Middle Lake was looking really weedy since the lake level is down so low. Mark presented a proposed contract including a new chemical called Procellacore for the board to review. He advised that Procellacore is more expensive, but also much more effective. He provided pricing for straight Procellacore treatments vs a procellacore/diquat mixture.

Financial Update

Todd provided a financial update to the board. The board was concerned about the large balance that they are carrying, but Todd advised that he would wait one more year to lower the assessment in order to keep a contingency balance to cover possible increases in pricing.

NEW BUSINESS.

Separation of Rainbow and Middle Lake Board

Todd advised that there may be some legalities to separating the Lake Improvement Boards and that we would do some research in the drain office. Todd is to contact legal to ask what the process would be and what financial implications that might have. He stated that either way, they would have to wait until the current program ends and the next public meeting is held. The board stated that for now, they will try to create separate associations and keep the improvement board as one.

Next Meeting Schedule

The board discussed when the next meeting should be scheduled. Todd advised that the board should meet in early spring in order to assess the needs of the lake and decide whether to use Procellacore for next season. The board agreed and decided May would be best.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bill to schedule the next lake improvement board meeting for Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 3:00 pm. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Todd and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m. Motion carried.



Todd Sattler, Secretary
Rainbow & Middle Lakes, Lake Board

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County of Montcalm }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Rainbow & Middle Lakes, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on September 15, 2021, and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner and are posted on the website at www.montcalm.us and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner, which is the principal office of the Rainbow & Middle Lakes, Lake Improvement Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd R. Sattler', written over a horizontal line.

Todd R. Sattler
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner