

**RAINBOW AND MIDDLE LAKES  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING**

**May 20, 2025**

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A meeting of the Rainbow and Middle Lakes, Lake Improvement Board, was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Doug Smith – Chairperson/Pine Township Representative  
Don Cichon – Pine Township Representative  
Bill Cretens – Abutting Property Owner’s Representative  
Pat Carr – Board of Commissioner’s Representative  
Todd Sattler – Treasurer/Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: All present

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Harrison – Clear Water Lake Management  
Anne Gaylord - MCDC

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Todd to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Pat to approve the minutes from September 9, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Don received questions from a resident asking if they will need additional treatments for additional growth due to low water levels. Mark said lower water levels could lead to increased growth as weeds can grow anywhere that the sunlight reaches the roots. The resident also asked if additional treatments would affect the fish. Mark said that fish are more affected by lack of oxygen and water temps. Don also presented the board with an email from Gabriel Jones (see attached). Mark said he hadn’t heard from Gabriel regarding the lily pads, and he doesn’t put out jugs to mark his property for treatment. Mark advised that Gabriel was going to organize the residents who wanted lily pads treated, but did not provide that information to Mark. Don will reach out to the residents.

Treatment Update

Middle Lake was treated on 5/17. He applied treatment for algae and milfoil. The water level is very low and caused some issues with getting into some of the coves. There is minimal curly leaf pond weed but the milfoil has never been this bad. Per Gabriel, that milfoil started growing in the fall. Mark said it will likely need two treatments. Don asked about using ProCellacore. Mark said that it is costly, so he would like to try other options first and believes they will work. They asked about the chara. Mark is hesitant to treat the chara because it is currently stopping the spread of the milfoil. They reported minimal results on Middle Lake so far. Mark asked if they would like him to go out and

check on it. The board advised that they would like to give it another week before he goes to check it. The next treatment for Middle Lake is currently scheduled for June 14. Rainbow Lake – The north end has spotty milfoil but not near the about of Middle Lake. The north end does have curly leaf pondweed. This usually dies off in July, so he tries not to treat it, but he will treat it if it is causing issues for navigation. He does think treatment is necessary due to the low water levels. He advised that cooler water temps help to make the treatments work better.

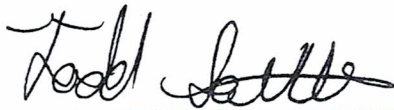
#### Financial Update

Todd provided a financial update to the board including a current balance of \$7,762.41. He advised that we are still waiting for the 2024 special assessment settlement from the Treasurer. We currently have a pending invoice for Rainbow Lake in the amount of \$14,350.00.

#### Other Business

The board is concerned about the lake level and wondering about possible solutions. Todd believes that a legal lake level would be the best process, but that is a lengthy process.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Todd and seconded by Pat to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Motion carried.



Todd Sattler, Secretary  
Rainbow and Middle Lakes, Lake Board

State of Michigan     }  
                                      } ss:  
County of Montcalm    }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Rainbow and Middle Lakes, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on May 20, 2025, 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](http://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 and Middle Lakes, Lake Improvement Board.



Todd R. Sattler  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

**RAINBOW/MIDDLE LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
MEETING**

**May 20, 2025  
3:00 P.M.**

**MONTCALM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION**

211 W. Main Street  
Stanton, Michigan

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
  - September 9, 2024
- Public Comments
- Weed Control Program
- Financial Update
- Other Business
- Adjourn

**If you cannot attend, please call 989-831-7322 at least two days prior to the meeting.**

**Board Members:**

Todd Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer, Montcalm County Drain Commissioner  
Bill Cretens, Abutting Property Owners Representative  
Doug Smith, Chair  
Pat Carr, Board of Commissioners Representative  
Don Cichon, Pine Township Representative



Outlook

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## Weed control issues

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**From** Gabriel jones <gmanfund@gmail.com>

**Date** Mon 5/19/2025 1:37 PM

**To** Don Cichon <cicd@comcast.net>

Hello Don,

I wish I could be there tomorrow to tell the story of Middle Lake, but I will not make it. Please let the commission know that our lake is worse today than it was 5 years ago, and only slightly better than before Mark started spraying. He has refused to spray our lily pads in the fall, even after numerous attempts to get him to do so, including getting signatures, putting out milk jugs, and having individuals call Mark to ask for lily pad treatment. The current issue is that the slime is thick, more milfoil than before Mark started treating, and Chara Algae that has never been under control and threatens to shut the lake down again this year. Please ask the drain commissioner to come personally to our lake, and I will show him or I can send pictures if they need them. Mark said he sprayed for the milfoil, but I can tell you that the plant only increased twofold since he has been here. We have never had this bad of a milfoil problem, and combined with Chara, it is limiting the usability of the lake. Thank you for letting them know our concerns, and if you have any questions, let me know.



**Rainbow & Middle Lakes Finance Sheet 2024 - 2028 (84010)**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Date	Vendor	Description	Check Numbers	Expenses	Revenue	Balance
10/1/2023		Beginning Balance				\$ 12,991.26
10/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 41.95	\$ 13,033.21
11/30/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 40.20	\$ 13,073.41
12/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 41.72	\$ 13,115.13
1/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 42.76	\$ 13,157.89
2/29/2024	State of Michigan	2024 EGLE Permit Fee - Rainbow Lake	179828	\$ 875.00		\$ 12,282.89
2/29/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 34.18	\$ 12,317.07
3/14/2024	State of Michigan	2024 EGLE Permit Fee - Middle Lake	180224	\$ 450.00		\$ 11,867.07
3/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 40.46	\$ 11,907.53
4/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 39.60	\$ 11,947.13
5/13/2024	Montcalm County	2023 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 2,498.51	\$ 14,445.64
5/13/2024	Montcalm County	2023 Collected Settlement			\$ 36,001.49	\$ 50,447.13
5/23/2024	Clear Water Lake Management	Middle Lake Weed & Algae Treatment	181661	\$ 2,970.00		\$ 47,477.13
5/30/2024	Clear Water Lake Management	Rainbow Lake Weed & Algae Treatment	181976	\$ 12,615.00		\$ 34,862.13
5/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 109.36	\$ 34,971.49
6/27/2024	Clear Water Lake Management	Weed & Algae Treatment - Middle Lake	182530	\$ 2,130.00		\$ 32,841.49
6/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 122.80	\$ 32,964.29
7/3/2024	Clear Water Lake Management	Weed & Algae Treatment - Rainbow Lake	182554	\$ 9,805.00		\$ 23,159.29
7/25/2024	Clear Water Lake Management	Chara Treatment - Middle Lake	183160	\$ 845.00		\$ 22,314.29
7/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 78.20	\$ 22,392.49
8/8/2024	Clear Water Lake Management	Weed & Algae Treatment - Rainbow Lake	183246	\$ 7,070.00		\$ 15,322.49
8/22/2024	Clear Water Lake Management	Weed & Algae Treatment - Middle Lake	183568	\$ 3,120.00		\$ 12,202.49
8/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 41.73	\$ 12,244.22
9/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 37.96	\$ 12,282.18
10/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 36.60	\$ 12,318.78
11/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 33.08	\$ 12,351.86
12/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 32.26	\$ 12,384.12
1/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 32.20	\$ 12,416.32
2/20/2025	State of Michigan	2025 EGLE Permit Fee - Rainbow	187453	\$ 875.00		\$ 11,541.32
2/20/2025	State of Michigan	2025 EGLE Permit Fee - Middle	187453	\$ 450.00		\$ 11,091.32
2/28/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 25.01	\$ 11,116.33
3/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 27.96	\$ 11,144.29
4/30/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 28.12	\$ 11,172.41
5/22/2025	Clear Water Lake Management	Middle Lake Weed & Algae Treatment		\$ 3,410.00		\$ 7,762.41
		Remaining Balance				\$ 7,762.41

Clear Water Lake Management, Inc.  
PO Box 842  
Rockford, MI 49341  
(616) 874-1569



# INVOICE

**BILL TO**

Rainbow Lake  
Attn: Todd Sattler  
211 W. Main  
Stanton, MI 48888

**INVOICE #** 4101  
**DATE** 05/13/2025  
**DUE DATE** 06/12/2025  
**TERMS** Net 30

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Algae Treatment		18	50.00	900.00
Contact Weed Treatment		36	220.00	7,920.00
Systemic Treatment		14	395.00	5,530.00

Please make checks payable to :  
Clear Water Lake Management, Inc.

BALANCE DUE **\$14,350.00**

Thank you for your business and have a great day!!!

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**May 20, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**Drain Commissioner's Office**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

**Name**

1. PATRICK CARR
2. BILL CRETELOS
3. Douglas Smith
4. Todd Sattler
5. Don Cichon
6. Mark Harrison - Clear Water Lake Mgt.
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