

**COWDEN LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
MEETING**

**May 19, 2025**

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A meeting of the Cowden Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 19th day of May 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Todd M at 3:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Todd McClelland – Chairperson/Maple Valley Twp Representative  
Jerry Wright – Abutting Property Owner's Representative  
Victor Matulis – Maple Valley Twp Representative  
Pat Carr – Board of Commissioner's Representative  
Todd Sattler – Treasurer/Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: All present

ALSO

PRESENT: Luke Aaron, Greg Koentz – Progressive  
Anne Gaylord – MCDC

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

A motion was made by Todd S and seconded by Pat to approve the minutes from September 16, 2024, as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Treatment Update

Luke provided a treatment update to the Board. He advised that the lake was surveyed on 5/19, prior to the meeting. He noted that there is still a lot of milfoil even after all of the extra measures taken last season. They were hoping to have some systemic results this year, but the milfoil just looks unhealthy, but did not go down. He added that the eel grass is chemically resistant, and it seems that this strand of milfoil is also resistant. He does not believe that this is applicator error. He would like to try a clipper and diquat mixture for this season. If that doesn't work they will need to cut samples next season and send it off to be genetically tested. Todd S asked why they would have to wait to get samples until next season. Luke said it is because the milfoil looks so unhealthy right now, he's not sure a sample would survive to be tested. Todd M asked how the treatment boats navigate spawning areas. Luke said he maps them out and the applicators know to stay away from them and they are not allowed to use copper products this time of year to avoid any issues. The lake will likely be treated on May 28. Victor asked about the curly leaf pond weed. Luke said they will treat it. Jerry asked about a sonar treatment. Luke

said the sonar doesn't work on the wild celery and he is hesitant to try sonar without first having genetics on the milfoil. He will grab a few stems to test. Todd M asked what they should prepare for this summer with the low water levels. Luke said more weeds and likely algae.

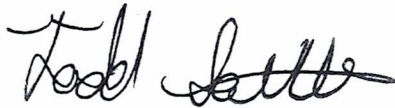
#### Financial Update

Todd S provided a financial update to the Board including a current balance of \$32,475.04. He advised that they are still waiting for the 2024 tax settlement in the amount of \$25,000.

#### Other Business

Victor said they need to start looking into a way to maintain the lake level. Todd S noted that there are points in history where they needed to add water and other points where they needed to remove water. The Drain Office will look into the history of the level. Todd S advised that the best course of action would likely be a petition project, but that is a lengthy and costly process. Anne will send some lake level information to the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Todd S and seconded by Pat to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m. Motion carried.



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Todd Sattler, Secretary  
Cowden Lake, 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 Cowden Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on May 19, 2025, and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner and posted on the county website at [montcalm.org](http://montcalm.org) 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 Cowden Lake, Lake Improvement Board.



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Todd Sattler  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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May 19, 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 16, 2024
- Public Comment
- Treatment Update
- Financial Update
- Other Business
- Adjourn

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

**Board Members**

Todd McClland, Maple Valley Township Representative/Chairperson  
Jerry Wright, Abutting Property Owner's Representative  
Victor Matulis, Maple Valley Township Representative  
Pat Carr, Board of Commissioner's Representative  
Todd Sattler, Secretary/Montcalm County Drain Commissioner



# Cowden Lake Finance Sheet 2024 - 2028 (84003)

Monday, May 19, 2025

Date	Vendor	Description	Check #	Expenses	Revenue	Balance
10/1/2023		Beginning Balance				\$ 36,711.72
10/19/2023	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	4th Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	177051	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 34,836.72
10/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 112.48	\$ 34,949.20
11/30/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 107.79	\$ 35,056.99
12/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 111.87	\$ 35,168.86
1/18/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	1st Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	178927	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 33,293.86
1/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 108.55	\$ 33,402.41
2/29/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 100.09	\$ 33,502.50
3/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 114.22	\$ 33,616.72
4/11/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	2nd Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	180780	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 31,741.72
4/18/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	2024 EGLE Permit Fee	180850	\$ 875.00		\$ 30,866.72
5/2/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 102.66	\$ 30,969.38
5/13/2024	Montcalm County	2023 Collected Settlement			\$ 24,045.00	\$ 55,014.38
5/13/2024	Montcalm County	2023 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 687.00	\$ 55,701.38
5/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 174.73	\$ 55,876.11
6/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 208.92	\$ 56,085.03
7/11/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	3rd Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	182912	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 54,210.03
7/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 189.98	\$ 54,400.01
8/22/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	06/04/2024 Weed Treatment	183576	\$ 8,264.20		\$ 46,135.81
8/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 157.78	\$ 46,293.59
9/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 143.51	\$ 46,437.10
10/10/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	09/11/2024 Weed Treatment	184536	\$ 3,262.50		\$ 43,174.60
10/10/2024	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	07/11/2024 Weed Treatment	184536	\$ 4,716.13		\$ 38,458.47
10/10/2024	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	4th Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	184550	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 36,583.47
10/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 109.03	\$ 36,692.50
11/30/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 98.53	\$ 36,791.03
12/31/2024	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 96.08	\$ 36,887.11
1/16/2025	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	2025 1st Quarter Lake Consultant Fee	186816	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 35,012.11
1/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 91.05	\$ 35,103.16
2/28/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 79.15	\$ 35,182.31
3/20/2025	Michigan Lakefront Solutions (26682)	2025 EGLE Permit Fee	188043	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 34,182.31
3/31/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 85.99	\$ 34,268.30
4/3/2025	Progressive Architects Engineers PL (385)	2025 2nd Quarter Lake Consultant Fee		\$ 1,875.00		\$ 32,393.30
4/30/2025	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 81.74	\$ 32,475.04
		Remaining Balance				\$ 32,475.04

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**3:00 P.M.**

**Montcalm County Drain Commission  
211 W. Main  
Stanton MI 48888**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

**Name**

1. PATRICK CARR
2. JERRY WRIGHT
3. Todd Sattler
4. LUKE AARON - PROGRESSIVE COMPANIES
5. Todd McClelland
6. Greg Koontz - Progressive companies
7. Anne Gaylord
8. Victor Matulis
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