

**COWDEN LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING**

May 19, 2025

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.



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 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.



Todd Sattler
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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MEETING**

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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May 19, 2025
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 Sather
4. Luke Aaron - PROGRESSIVE COMPANIES
5. Todd McClelland
6. Greg Koontz - Progressive companies
7. Anne Gaylord
8. Victor Matulka
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