

**BEAR LAKE-LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 11, 2024
LAKETON TOWNSHIP HALL**

Chairman Paul Pek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Pek, Commissioner Cook, Member Howell, Moore and Panici

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Taylor Hobby

ROLL

City Clerk Hobby called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Howell moved to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cook and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Moore moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting. The motion was supported by Member Panici and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Darrell Van Fossan, 138 N. Bear Lake Rd, had a few suggestions for what should be added in the 2024 newsletter. He thanked Member Panici for taking on the ELGE/MiCorps Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program and said once Mr. Panici is comfortable with it he would be willing to help him in any way.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OFFICER REPORTS

Chair

Chairman Pek shared that they have finalized the GVSU Agreement for the year.

TREASURER

Member Panici made a new template for the budget. Treasurer Howell and other members are on board with looking at the new template and discussing at the next meeting.

SECRETARY

Ms. Moore shared that the Conservation District did not receive the grant they had applied for.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Updated Lake Management Plan

Member Moore stated she wanted to do the storm water management presentation before diving further into goals that are listed in the plan.

Accomplishment List/Newsletter Prep

Chairman Pek shared newsletters from the past two years. He is looking for someone on the board to take ownership of the newsletter for the year. Member Panici and Commissioner Cook said they would work together on the newsletter.

MI Lake & Streams Association Membership

Member Moore shared that there is a lot of valuable information in the articles. Commissioner Cook looked up prices and it looks as though it would be \$50 - \$150 depending on the number of people joining.

EGLE/MiCorps Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program

Commissioner Cook said that if Member Panici needed help with this or volunteers that he should touch base with the school – they may jump at this opportunity to be a part of the program.

NEW BUSINESS

Minute Taker (or Date Change) for 6/13, 7/11, 8/15 Meetings

Discussion was held on whether or not to change the dates for the June, July and August meetings due to the minute taker being unavailable. The board shared ideas and ultimately decided not to change the dates. They will find someone to take the minutes for those dates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darrell Van Fossan, 138 N. Bear Lake Rd, encourages the board to really push the education out to the residents by setting up at community events that are typically well attended.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member Moore gave a presentation on storm water management. She highlighted non-point pollution which happens with rain washes down salts, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, etc. into the sediment which is then carried to the lake. She explained how the first flush at the beginning of an event, specifically the first inch of water, is the most detrimental in terms of how much pollution is pushed into the storm drains and discharged into the lake. In regard to Bear Lake there are different avenues residents and community leaders can take to try to limit the amount of pollutants that make it to the drain system and/or directly into the lake from water runoff. Planting native species and creating a fifteen- or twenty-foot buffer can help trap the sediment before it gets to the lake. Also, being conscientious of what chemicals are being used on yards is recommended. Communities could do things such as curb cuts before drains, reduce the amount of pavement in the community and possibly use pervious pavement as ways to cut down the amount of pollution that enters into the storm drain and/or the lake. Member Moore shared all of this information to gauge what the board would like included in the Lake Management Plan. The board agrees that asking GVSU to test stormwater next year would be a great first step. The testing along with sharing educational pieces to the communities would be beneficial and well within the board's purview.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13p.m.

Next meeting: May 9, 2024 at Laketon Township

Taylor Hobby, City Clerk