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Secretary Treasurer

Jerry Gancer
Kalkaska Co. Comm.

Norm Groner
Excelsior Twp

Meeting minutes 07/18/2006

The fifth meeting of the Manistee Lake Improvement Board (MLIB) was held Tuesday July 18, 2006 at the Coldsprings Twp. Hall, Kalkaska, Mi. Called to order by Chairman Neubecker the roll call indicated that those present were Chairman Mike Neubecker, Treasurer Norm LaCroix, County Board of Supervisors representative Jerry Gancer, Excelsior Twp. Supervisor Norm Groner and Drain Commissioner Francis Kelly. Also present was Tony Groves from Progressive AE as well as several members of the Manistee Lake Association (MLA) and four guests from the Ausable Institute.

Chairman Neubecker opened the meeting by announcing the two new replacement members on the board. They are Jerry Gancer for the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners and Norm Groner for Excelsior Twp. A discussion was held relative to the legality of membership on the board of MLA members. It was determined that this was not a problem.

Chairman Neubecker asked for a volunteer to replace Don Darke as Secretary who has resigned from the board. After a difficult and contentious election process, Norm LaCroix was elected to the position in a very close 4-0 vote. He agreed to accept the position temporarily.

The agenda was approved as amended. No conflicts of interest were identified. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written with two abstentions (Gancer and Groner) who were not attendees.

The Treasurers Report from Norm LaCroix indicated that the only activity since the last meeting was deposit of \$5,000 as the second stage of the loan from MLA to MLIB. Current bank balance is \$9,563.35. The report was unanimously accepted as presented.

Chairman Neubecker made the motion to forgo this quarters per-diem payment to the MLIB members and include it in the next quarter ending 9/30/2006. The exception was for P. Senske. Motion was seconded by F. Kelly and approved 5-0.

Under Old Business Norm LaCroix proposed that we proceed with the bonding for MLIB members Neubecker and LaCroix and amend this as needed in the future. It was agreed the previously approved bonding should proceed. Mike Neubecker will forward his application to Norm LaCroix for processing.

Under New Business Tony Groves presented an update report on the engineering study being performed by Progressive AE. The update is attached. One of the items in this report was a preliminary recommendation on criteria for establishment of the special assessment district to finance lake improvements. After significant discussion Mike Neubecker agreed to have the Township Assessors prepare a preliminary count of the number of units that would exist using these criteria. It was decided that preliminarily commercial properties would be treated as 1.5 units. The goal is to finalize these

criteria at the next meeting 8/15/2006 at 7 PM. Preliminary study findings and recommendations will be presented by Progressive AE at this meeting.

Norm LaCroix gave a report on a joint effort between MLIB and the MLA to improve fishing in Manistee Lake. He presented a letter (attached) that was sent jointly to the DNR asking that they meet with us to discuss what can be done to accomplish this. No response has been received as yet. Tony Groves will also contact the DNR to provide support for this effort. Individuals on this group include Norm LaCroix for MLIB, Bob Kelli and Neil Henige for the MLA. Other interested individuals from the Board, the Association or the public are welcome and urged to join this effort.

The initial bill from Progressive AE for \$6,000 was approved for payment by the Board 5-0. This is the only bill pending at this time.

Citizen comments included several points of interest from John Korstad of the Ausable Institute. He briefly reviewed the water quality testing they are doing this summer which will complement the work of Progressive AE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting is 08/15/2006 at 7 PM at the Excelsior Twp. Hall.