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August 3, 2022

Mr. Robert Ripstra
1613 Charlevois Dr.
Troy, MI 48085

Dear Mr. Ripstra:

Re: Freedom of Information Act FOIA #22-148B
Granted

Newaygo County received your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request dated July 29, 2022

1. July 12, 2022, Hess Lake Board Meeting Minutes & meeting materials - draft

The County has granted your request.

2. May 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes - approved

The County has granted your request.

The County has determined that the total cost of processing and finalizing this request is \$ 5.67. (See attached Detailed Itemization Sheet.)

If your request has been denied in part, you have the right to (1) submit to the head of the public body a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for the reversal of the disclosure denial or (2) seek judicial review of this decision, as stated in Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.240 (see attachment). Further, you have the right to seek attorney fees and damages as provided in Section 10 (see attachment) if the court determines that the County has not complied with this section and orders disclosure of all or a portion of the public record.

Please be advised that the County's FOIA Policies and Procedures and written summary are available on the County's website at www.newaygocountymi.gov.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Wren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Wren
County Administrator/FOIA Coordinator

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**Hess Lake Improvement
Board Meeting
July 11, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

-AGENDA-

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of the minutes of the 05/10/2022 Meeting Minutes**
4. **Public Comment-2 minutes**
5. **Financial Report**
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Streamside Proposal for Wheeler Drain
 - b. DNR Grant Finalization
 - c. Shoreline Protection
 - d. Wheeler Drain Study
 - e. Carp Solutions Update
 - f. Alum Approval
 - g. Aquatic Plant Studies
7. **New Business**
 - a. Harmful Algae Study and Plans?
 - b.
8. **Correspondence/Bills**
9. **Public Comment – 2 minutes**
10. **Miscellaneous**
11. **Adjournment**

Minutes
Hess Lake Improvement Board
July 12, 2022
9:30 A.M.

Board Members Present: Bart Calvi, Dale Twing, Ken DeLaat, Mark Slocum, Grant Bryan
Board Members Absent: None
Also Present: Paul, Katherine, Dennis

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Twing.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by DeLaat, seconded by Slocum to approve the agenda with adjustments and corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes 5/10/2022 Meeting

Motion by Twing, seconded by Slocum to approve the minutes of the 5/10/2022 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment: (2 minutes)

None

5. Financial Report:

Motion by DeLaat, seconded by Twing to approve the financial report as submitted and to pay all routine bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. Streamside proposal for Wheeler Drain: Streamside has submitted a bill, but there is no report ready at this time.
- b. DNR grant finalization: Discussions of any future submissions, their merit, and the likelihood of success.
- c. Shoreline protection: Overall discussion of shoreline protection and all things good and bad.
- d. Wheeler Drain study: Talked again about pros and cons, and misconceptions.
- e. Carp Solutions update: Discussed the upcoming program for tagging fish.
- f. Alum approval: Discussed the alum approval and what it means if and when we use it.
- g. Aquatic plant study: The Chair went with Rick out on the lake for survey. Small amounts of Milfoil, some Chara, and lots of Lily Pads- no treatments needed.

Some discussions about seed bed for good weeds. Hopefully they will come back when the lake gets healthier.

7. New Business:

- a. Harmful algae study and plans: Short discussion about blooms and designation EGLE gave about lake being impaired.
- b. Per diem change: Motion by Slocum seconded by Calvi to keep per diem the same. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Correspondence/Bills

Nothing outside of the routine bills.

9. Public Comment (2 minutes)

None

10. Miscellaneous

None

11. Adjournment

Motion by DeLaat, seconded by Slocum to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Dale E. Twing, Secretary

**Financial Report for Hess Lake Improvement Board
For 07/12/2022 Meeting**

Revenues and Expenses from 04/30/2022-07/07/2022

REVENUES	
Special Assessments	
Collected	\$2,937.27
Total Revenues	\$2,937.27

EXPENSES	
Per Diem	\$180.00
Progressive	\$7,000.00
Savin Lake Services	
Office Supplies	\$49.75
Postage/Copying	\$967.40
Printing/Publishing	
Taxes	
Secretarial	\$290.00
EGLE Permit	
Total Expenses	\$8,487.15

Beginning Balance	\$147,040.14
Revenues	\$2,937.27
Expenses	-\$8,487.15
Total Cash on Hand	\$141,490.26



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
-DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
LANSING

EGLE

LIESL EICHLER CLARK
DIRECTOR

June 9, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Newaygo County Drain Commissioner
Hess Lake Improvement Board
306 South North Street
PO Box 885
White Cloud, MI 49349-0885

Dear Newaygo County Drain Commissioner:

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) approves your April 1, 2022, request to use Alum in Hess Lake per R 323.1097 (Rule 97) of the Part 4 Rules, Water Quality Standards, promulgated pursuant to Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The approved plan involves the application of Alum to 740 acres of Hess Lake to control the amount of phosphorus and reduce the growth of algae. Hess Lake is located in Newaygo County, Michigan (43°23'12.5"N 85°46'06.6"W).

The enclosed Certification of Approval is issued pursuant to Rule 97 of Michigan's Water Quality Standards and provides specific reporting and procedural requirements that must be complied with for EGLE authorization. Please carefully review the conditions of the Certification of Approval prior to commencing the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 517-242-4989 or NedrichS@Michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan Nedrich

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

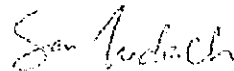
The Hess Lake Improvement Board, its contractors, or authorized representatives, are hereby granted approval to apply Alum to Hess Lake located in Newaygo County (43°23'12.5"N 85°46'06.6"W) for phosphorus control, in compliance with R 323.1097 (Rule 97) of the Part 4 Rules, Water Quality Standards, promulgated pursuant to Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. This approval is based on the revised rule 97 application information provided in an April 1, 2022, e-mail from Tony Groves to Sara Nedrich, Toxicologist, Water Toxics Unit, Surface Water Assessment Section, Water Resources Division, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

This approval is contingent upon compliance with the following conditions:

1. The application of alum to Hess Lake will be in accordance with the standard operating procedures, dosing, and timeframe information outlined in the approved workplan. If dosing needs altered pending a jar test, applicant will request EGLE approval via e-mail request to Sara Nedrich, EGLE, at NedrichS@Michigan.gov.
2. Monitoring requirements will be met in accordance with the approved workplan. All monitoring data shall be submitted via e-mail to Sara Nedrich, EGLE, at NedrichS@Michigan.gov within three months of project completion.
3. The Newaygo County Drain Commissioner shall notify Sara Nedrich, Toxicologist, at 517-242-4989 or NedrichS@Michigan.gov, and Audrey Kirk, Grand Rapids District Supervisor, EGLE, at 616-401-1641 or KirkA3@Michigan.gov, prior to the start of the project.
4. The Newaygo County Drain Commissioner shall immediately notify Audrey Kirk, Grand Rapids District Supervisor, EGLE, at 616-401-1641, if any of the above conditions of this Certification of Approval are not, or may not be, met.

The issuance of this Certification of Approval does not authorize violation of any federal, state, or local laws or regulations, nor does it obviate the necessity of obtaining such permits, including any other EGLE permits, or approvals from other units of government, as may be required by law.

This Certification of Approval is being issued on April 20, 2022, and shall expire at midnight on September 30, 2024.



Sara Nedrich, Toxicologist
Water Toxics Unit
Surface Water Assessment Section
Water Resources Division

From: Kosloski, Chip (DNR) <KosloskiC3@michigan.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Tony Groves <grovesa@progressiveae.com>
Cc: Nohner, Joe (DNR) <NohnerJ@michigan.gov>; Heintzelman, Scott (DNR) <HeintzelmanS@michigan.gov>; Tonello, Mark (DNR) <TONELLOM@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] 2021 Fisheries Habitat Grant Program Application - Hess Lake Carp Removal Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project

Hello Tony,

Below is feedback from the review committee regarding the Hess Lake grant proposal:

Pros: Rare lake habitat conservation project; attempt to improve water quality; supportive of the geomorphological study of the drain.

Cons: Perhaps unrealistic goals given highly eutrophic lake; expensive; carp removal not successful in other locations, especially when immigration is possible; short term solution that will require ongoing and active maintenance; the treatment isn't based on an assessment of the relative contribution of nutrients to the lake such as tributaries, septic systems, and shoreline runoff and likely does not address the main underlying cause of nutrient issues which is suspected to be Wheeler Drain; may promote excessive growth of invasive macrophytes; and a conditional commitment requires a highly competitive project ("a slam dunk").

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Chip

Rick Buteyn

Jun 21, 2022,
11:36 AM

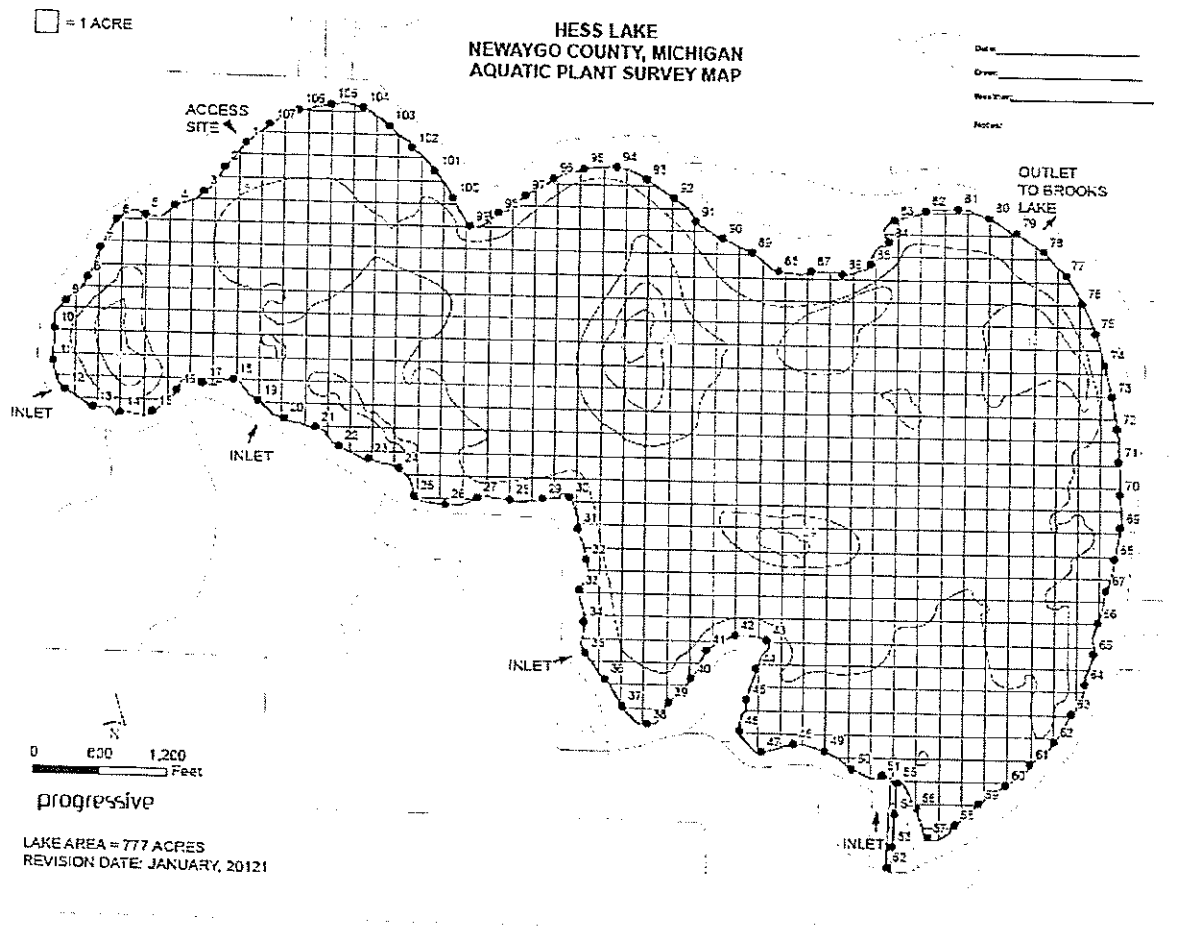
to me, dale, Grant, Ken, Mark, Mary, Tony

Hello All,

Very little growth was found on the plant survey yesterday. One very small patch of milfoil was found, approximately 10'x10' right next to the sea wall at point 24 on the attached map. Due to the small size of the patch, it will not be treated with herbicides at this time. Next survey will take place in late July. I will notify you all of a date once scheduled.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,



Fund 846.000 - HESS LAKE BOARD

2021-22
 Amended Budget

ACTIVITY FOR
 QUARTER ENDED
 06/30/2022

Available
 Balance

%
 Used

Account	Description	YEAR-TO-DATE THRU 06/30/22	2021-22 Amended Budget	ACTIVITY FOR QUARTER ENDED 06/30/2022	Available Balance	% Used
Revenues						
Public Works :						
Department 442.000: DRAIN COMMISSIONER						
Special Assessments						
452.000	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS					
05/23/2022	GJ HESS LAKE BOARD CREDIT	58691	0.00	2,937.27 JE# 22969	(80,329.74)	100.00
452.000	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	80,329.74	0.00	2,937.27	(80,329.74)	100.00
Special Assessments						
		80,329.74	0.00	2,937.27	(80,329.74)	100.00
Total - Dept 442.000						
		80,329.74	0.00	2,937.27	(80,329.74)	100.00
Public Works						
		80,329.74	0.00	2,937.27	(80,329.74)	100.00
Total Revenues						
		80,329.74	0.00	2,937.27	(80,329.74)	0.00
Expenditures						
Public Works :						
Department 442.000: DRAIN COMMISSIONER						
Personnel Services						
702.100	PER DIEM					
05/17/2022	AP HLB 2022-5101	57978	0.00	45.00 Inv #: 'HLB 2022-5101' Vendor '4002'	(360.00)	100.00
05/17/2022	AP HESS LAKE BOARD MEETING	57975	0.00	45.00 Inv #: 'HLB 2022-5102' Vendor '4114'	(360.00)	100.00
05/19/2022	AP HLB 2022-5103	58414	0.00	45.00 Inv #: 'HLB 2022-5103' Vendor '2258'	(360.00)	100.00
05/19/2022	AP HLB 2022-5104	58403	0.00	45.00 Inv #: 'HLB 2022-5104' Vendor '1956'	(360.00)	100.00
702.100	PER DIEM	360.00	0.00	180.00	(360.00)	100.00
Personnel Services						
		360.00	0.00	180.00	(360.00)	100.00
Other Services and Charges						
802.000	SERVICE FEES					
06/03/2022	GJ MAY MEETINGS	60291	0.00	30.00 JE# 23094		
06/03/2022	GJ MAILING PREP-MAY 2022	60295	0.00	135.00 JE# 23098		
06/06/2022	GJ LAKE BOARD MAILINGS-MAY2022	60294	0.00	125.00 JE# 23097		
06/15/2022	AP DRAINS OFFICE SUPPLIES+LAKE BOARD MTG SU	60162	0.00	49.75 Inv #: '3508706743A' Vendor '1001'		
802.000	SERVICE FEES	339.75	0.00	339.75	(339.75)	100.00
967.500	CONSTRUCTION/PROJECT COSTS					
04/12/2022	AP 2022 CONTRACT PRJCT HESS LAKE	55075	0.00	7,000.00 Inv #: '00186756' Vendor '1332'		
04/30/2022	GJ Postage - April - Hess Lake Board	57627	0.00	2.38 JE# 22905		
05/31/2022	GJ Postage - May - Hess Lake Board	59736	0.00	923.92 JE# 23080		
05/31/2022	GJ Copier - May - Hess Lake	60193	0.00	41.10 JE# 23100		
967.500	CONSTRUCTION/PROJECT COSTS	26,348.40	0.00	7,967.40	(26,348.40)	100.00

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR NEWAYGO COUNTY
 Balances for quarter ending 06/30/2022

Fund 846.000 - HESS LAKE BOARD

Account Description	2021-22 Amended Budget	YEAR-TO-DATE THRU 06/30/22	ACTIVITY FOR QUARTER ENDED 06/30/2022	Available Balance	% Used
Department 442.000: DRAIN COMMISSIONER					
Other Services and Charges	0.00	26,688.15	8,307.15	(26,688.15)	100.00
Total - Dept 442.000	0.00	27,048.15	8,487.15	(27,048.15)	100.00
Public Works	0.00	27,048.15	8,487.15	(27,048.15)	100.00
Total Expenditures	0.00	27,048.15	8,487.15	(27,048.15)	0.00
NET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES	0.00	53,281.59	(5,549.88)	(53,281.59)	