

**Lake Township-Roscommon County  
Teleconference Special Meeting  
May 19, 2020 @ 6 pm**

Dave Emmons started the meeting at 6 p.m.

**Present:** Dave Emmons - Supervisor, Tonya Clare-Clerk, Harry Trier-Treasurer, Chris Lukatch-Trustee and Anthony Farhat-Trustee, absent.

Emmons commented that Al H. withdrew his application for the HLIB. Emmons thanked applicants and stated that each applicant will be asked the same two questions. 1. What makes you a good candidate to represent Lake Township at HLIB? 2. What do you see as your top focus on the HLIB?

Dave F. replied to question one: My family has been part of the Houghton Lake Community for many years and we value the recreational aspects of the lake. I would like to give back to the community. Question two: The lake's water quality and shore line are the driving force in what brings people to the Houghton Lake area. Keeping the lake as an asset to bring people to the area.

Rod M. replied to question one: I've always had a love for the lake, grew up on the lake, we enjoy the lake, the lake is for everybody, maintain quality of lake. I also have a history of going to HLIB meetings. I have also sent out flyers trying to get other property owners to attend the HLIB meetings. Also, put out a petition to stop the HLIB from planting the wild rice. Question two: I just mentioned the improvement of the lake. I would continue to push for eradication of milfoil weed. Try to get DNR to stock fish. Talk to members of the board in effort to visit Lake Twas to see some of the problems they deal with. Also, push the county to keep the lake level at a standard rate.

Bruce O. replied to question one: Stated he does not live on the lake. In addition spoke of weeds in canals, canals need to be cleaned up, and difficulty with weeds in the motors. Talk with people, reasonably, and get it done. Question two: First of all, everybody on the board has got to get along, if we can't get along, will end up with a problem we are trying to resolve. I have a background in hazardous materials. With a military background, I am familiar on how to decontaminate things. I can offer an environmental aspect to the board.

Jim M. replied to question one: My family has a history on the lake. We have enjoyed many activities on the lake over the years. I have seen changes in the lake over the years, like diminishing rice beds. We need to come up with a different plan, I think we are spraying much too much, where harvesting or some other kind of attack would be more appropriate. Question two: Process, it doesn't appear the HLIB has a process for follow up once they have sprayed. Additional soil samples, on a regular basis, or surveys to the extent they should. The Army Core of engineers has given lots of recommendations, from 2002, very few of them have been explored. They say if we don't have rice we won't have Northern Pike they spawn in the rice beds. There is a

relationship with the lake not just killing weeds, there are other invasive we should take a look at. Look at what's been done, successfully and continue it and change course if we need boat washes or something else that will effect the lake.

Emmons offered opportunity for applicants to ask questions to board. Bruce O. and Dave F. commented that all applicants are qualified and would make good representatives for HLIB. Jim M. sounds like you have non residents who have applied, although there are no rules as to qualifications, but I would ask that you consider that as well.

Discussion.

**Motion:** Lukatch to appoint Rod M. as primary representative and Dave F. as alternate to the HLIB. **Second:** None. Motion falls to floor.

Discussion.

**Motion:** Emmons to appoint Jim M. as primary representative and Rod M. as alternate to the HLIB. **Second:** None. Motion falls to floor.

Discussion.

**Public Comment:**

One resident made comments to the Board.

Discussion.

**Motion:** Clare to appoint Jim M. as primary representative and Dave F. as alternate to the HLIB. **Second:** Trier. **Roll Call Vote: Trier-yes, Clare-yes, Lukatch-no, Emmons-yes. Motion Carries.**

**Adjourned 6:35 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Lake Township Deputy Clerk

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Approved at Lake Township Board Meeting 6/9/20

