

**Findley Lake Watershed Foundation  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
September 18, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am by President, Ed Mulkearn.

**Quorum:**

A quorum was declared present to conduct business.

**Present:**

Bill Bracken, Marge Freund, Lant Lictus, Ed Mulkearn, Phil Persons, and Matt Wise

**Absent:**

Lex Brumagin, Jeff Ireland and Bill Simpkins

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the previous meetings of 6/5/21 and 7/17/21 were reviewed and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Phil Persons presented the treasurer's report.

<b>**Opening Combined Balance (July 1, 2021)</b>	<b>\$ 51,279.71</b>
*Opening Regular Checking Balance	\$ 39,150.82
<b>Deposits:                   \$ 5,883.39</b>	
<b>Expenses:   \$ 9,006.30</b>	
Ending Regular Checking Balance	\$ 36,027.91
*Opening NWB Credit Card/Capital Account Balance	\$1.00
<b>Deposit: DASNY grant: \$50,000.00</b>	
<b>Expense: wire fee   \$15.00</b>	
<b>Pay off Loan:   \$ 39,679.25</b>	
<b>Transfer to Labor acct:                               \$ 10,305.75</b>	
<b>Receipts from Paypal:                               \$ 872.39</b>	
<b>Transfer to Operating acct:                       \$ 872.39</b>	
Ending NWB Credit Card/Capital Account Balance	\$ 1.00
*Opening NWB Labor Account Balance	\$ 12,427.89
<b>Transfer from Capital acct:                       \$ 10,305.75</b>	
<b>Expenses:   \$ 4,069.56</b>	
Ending NWB Labor Account Balance	\$18,864.08
<b>**Ending Combined Balance (July 31, 2021)</b>	<b>\$ 54,692.99</b>

**\*\*\*Loan Account** Opening Balance: \$ -39,706.90  
 Payments: \$ 39,679.25  
 Interest assessed: \$ -27.65  
 Loan Account Closing Balance: \$ 0.00

**\*\*Opening Combined Balance (August 1, 2021) \$ 54,692.99**  
 \*Opening Regular Checking Balance \$ 36,027.91  
     **Deposits: \$ 2,589.00**  
     **Expenses: \$ 2,171.57**  
 Ending Regular Checking Balance \$ 36,445.34  
 \*Opening NWB Credit Card/Capital Account Balance \$1.00  
     **Deposits: \$0.00**  
     **Transfer to Labor acct \$0.00**  
 Ending NWB Credit Card/Capital Account Balance \$1.00  
 \*Opening NWB Labor Account Balance \$18,664.08  
     **Deposits: \$0.00**  
     **Expenses: \$2,522.44**  
 Ending NWB Labor Account Balance \$16,141.64  
**\*\*Ending Combined Balance (August 31, 2021) \$ 52,587.98**

**\*\*Opening Combined Balance (September 1, 2021) \$ 52,587.98**  
 \*Opening Regular Checking Balance \$ 36,445.34  
     **Deposits: \$ 650.00**  
     **Expenses: \$ 2,511.48**  
 Ending Regular Checking Balance \$ 34,583.86  
 \*Opening NWB Credit Card/Capital Account Balance \$1.00  
     **Deposits: \$0.00**  
     **Transfer to Labor acct \$0.00**  
 Ending NWB Credit Card/Capital Account Balance \$1.00  
 \*Opening NWB Labor Account Balance \$16,141.64  
     **Deposits: \$0.00**  
     **Expenses: \$1,227.81**  
 Ending NWB Labor Account Balance \$14,913.83  
**\*\*Ending Combined Balance (September 16, 2021) \$ 49,498.69**

- Phil noted that all payables are up to date.
- Phil notified the board that he now lives in Waterford and is resigning as Treasurer, effective today. He will provide transition assistance for the new treasurer.
- Phil outlined future planned expenses for the new Treasurer:  
     Princeton Hydro \$7500.  
     Parnell-weeds for 2021 season (100 loads) ~ \$12,000.
- Phil noted that all grants have been received: DASNY- \$50K and FLCF \$10K.

- Phil also noted that the conveyor trailer was sold to a Wisconsin lake for \$35K.
- Matt Wise asked about ongoing grant options, Phil noted applications must be submitted annually.

The report was accepted as presented.

### **President's Report:**

- Ed Mulkearn reported that Don McCord from the Chautauqua planning commission is working with the Town of Mina. Ed will speak with Don regarding a "strategic plan" for the FLWF projecting 5-10 years forward.
- Ed also noted that the Town of Mina sent Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding the sewer project with a deadline of October 15, 2021 to respond.
- Ed said that the Princeton Hydro report is due, payment for the service is pending.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### MEMBERSHIP:

- In the absence of Lex Brumagin, Phil Persons reported that there are 179 membership units to date this year. This is about 15 units less than last year.
- Phil noted that receipts of \$114,035. for the year without grant money and trailer sale proceeds.
- The board discussed hearing mixed public feedback regarding the sewer project being promoted by the Town of Mina.
- Marge Freund cautioned the board regarding a risk to the status of the FLWF as a 501c(3) if challenged for participation in political issues such as the survey letter regarding the sewers sent earlier this year. The FLWF can be supportive of protecting the watershed, but must remain out of political involvement.

#### COMMUNICATION:

- In the absence of Bill Simpkins, Ed reported that we must do a better job on communications.
- Marge Freund reported hearing feedback from members that emails have been sent to the FLWF address and responses have not been received.
- Phil Persons suggests contacting Chautauqua County to manage the literature rack in the water wheel overlook building. They charge \$60. per year to do this.

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Bill Bracken reported there has been issues with defacing of the bathrooms in the Water Wheel building. Our cleaner, Heidi, has normally worked once each week on Thursdays. She has also come for additional cleaning when called. Phil suggested that on event weekends that two (2) cleaning visits could be helpful. It was also noted that Larry Gross from the candle company has placed portajohns during events to manage the increased demand.
- Phil noted that Larry Gross and Nancy Sonny (Secret Cubby owner) have paid \$5K per the lease agreement to support the Water Wheel building expenses in 2021. Proceeds from the duck race were also donated.

- The board discussed purchasing new furniture for the decks at the Water Wheel building. It was agreed that the furniture needs to be secured to the decking.
- Bill noted that Will Fianella is here today. Bill is discussing painting of the railing.
- Bill notes the bulletin board will be cleaned up had have a lock added.

LAKE MANAGEMENT:

- Lant Lictus reported that CSLAP collections did not occur this year due to multiple factors. The low water level was primary. Lant suggests that Findley Lake not participate until a reliable collector can be located.
- Phil Persons suggested that perhaps the harvester staff could collect specimens. Lant noted this would not work because of the specifics, including freezing, of collection of the specimens.
- Lant also noted that the CSLAP program will be changing in 2022 with rotation of lakes participating in the program.
- Lant continues to have concerns about navigation safety on the lake. He feels a sign on the small island would be helpful. Ed and Lant plan to meet with Justin Brewer (from the DEC) to discuss safety concerns.
- Matt Wise suggests reviewing and approving lake rules at the next meeting.

HARVESTER:

- Matt Wise reports the 2021 season is finished.
- Matt notes planning for next year is needed. Paul may be limited with back issues. It is unclear if he can continue as the lead harvester next year. Dick Jackson is no longer part of the staff. Barry has been working 27-28 hours per week.
- Matt reminded the board that a winter storage location needs to be chosen. The current plan is to store the harvester at Ed's dock. Phil voiced a concern over possible salt exposure from plowing at that location.

**Unfinished Business:**

LAKE AERATION

- Ed Mulkearn noted the Princeton Hydro study will include evaluation and recommendation regarding aeration of the lakebed.
- Ed plans to contact Don McCord about input for a strategic plan, with a goal of having a definitive plan by the annual meeting in July, 2022.
- Matt Wise and Ed noted that updated information on sewers should be known by that time.

**New Business:**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Ed Mulkearn verified that the officers from the prior year and Jeff Ireland as Treasurer are willing to serve for the coming year. All agreed.

- *M.:Matt Wise moved to approve the officer slate: President-Ed Mulkearn; Vice President-Lant Lictus; Secretary-Marge Freund and Treasurer-Jeff Ireland. Bill Bracken seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.*
- The Board discussed seeking additional interested and qualified candidates for open board seats.

**Announcements:**

- The schedule for Board meetings for 2022 is as follows: Meetings will be at the Water Wheel Overlook Building. The Annual meeting will be at The Camp at Findley.  
**Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 8:30 am**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 8:30 am**  
**Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 8:30 am**  
**Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 8:30 am**  
**Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm** (pre-annual meeting) at The Camp at Findley  
**Annual meeting Meet 'n' Greet at 7:00 pm**  
**Annual business meeting at 7:30 pm**  
**Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 8:30 am**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Freund  
Secretary