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**Findley Lake Watershed Foundation**

**Minutes for Board Meeting**

**June 21, 2025**

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Ed Mulkearn.

**Present at meeting:**

Ed Mulkearn, Lant Lictus, Jeff Ireland, Ben Fergus, Chrissy Crafffey, Erin Miller, George Mihalik, Paul Fellinger, Lex Brumingen, Bill Simpkins and Debbie Thresher.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes were reviewed, no discussion. Bill Simpkins made a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting, Chrissy Craffey 2nd the motion, all approved the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Jeff Ireland reported that all bills are paid and up to date. He handed out a printout of all expenses. George Mihalik made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Paul Fellinger 2nd the motion and all approved.

**President’s Report:**

President Ed Mulkearn reported the Community Foundation’s donation to help with the South End treatment. Further discussion on how to use the donation and put to the best use.

Some discussion of a capital fund for aeration project. DEC wants our information that is gathered by some team members.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:**

Lex Brumingen reported we have 109 members as of this date. It’s a little lower than last year at this time. Lex asked for suggestions of how we can encourage others around the lake to join. After some discussion, we mentioned the way we are getting the word out, through email, Tapestry and word of mouth. We are trying to update our information on the residents on the lake. Lex suggested possibly photos of what we do around the lake already.

Ed Mulkearn and Lex Brumingen will be talking with Paradise Bay.

**Lake Management:**

Chrissy Craffey and Ben Fergus reported on CSLAP with a handout of information.

CSLAP

* Sampling plan for this summer and shipping method- FedEx delays last year resulted in many warm/unusable samples and no data! DEC recently said they would upgrade our shipping starting with our second samples-CC

LAKE TREATMENT PKANS THIS SUMMER

* Treatment of both milfoil in 48 acres and other nuisance weeds in 6 acres of south end to be made on Monday afternoon – June 23 (weather permitting). Official letters of notification were issued in February. Additional notifications were issued by Erin Miller on June 17. Note that for the Aquathol k treatment, there is no swimming is allowed in the south end until the day after treatment.
* Received $15,000 grant from the Findley Lake Community Foundation to partially fund the treatment.

Other portions of the lake are relying on harvesting operations this summer.

LAKE TREATMENT PLANS NEXT YEAR

* Considering treatment cost and options for curly-leaf pondweed in the northern half of the lake? Aquathol k treatment-one year effectiveness-$1,548/acre plus surveys and reports
* Treatment of HABs? (2025 quoted costs for half of the lake)
* SeClear Alaecide & Water Quality Enhancer (binds P as well as treating HABs)- $25,850.00/ treatment -or
* Copper Sulfate - $12,400.00/ treatment
* No County Bed-Tax for 2026 – Other options?

Chrissy Craffey suggested the buoys are in need of being changed out. Larger, more visible. Need to contact the DEC.

Lant Lictus reported the lake level is good. Ben Fergus asked is there a way to monitor the level of the lake.? Possibly able to adjust the level? Lant Litus said the engineers set the level of the gate.

Lant Lictus asked whose responsibility is it, to take the tree in the lake out?

Some discussion, looking into it.

**Building and Grounds:**

Bill Simpkins reported a need to put siding on the Waterwheel building. Ed suggested looking into the cost and painting again this year.

Bill talked about a bucket truck to fix the flagpole. Gene Blakeslee might be able to help.

**Communication:**

Erin Miller reported about a sign for the ramp area for FLWS information to be seen. Ed Mulkearn suggested calling Howard Industry, they might be able to help. Erin asked if we want to send a postcard for new members? Lex Brumingen suggested, we need all the emails of people on the lake, to get the word out.

Erin asked Jeff Ireland for the budget number for Erie Gives?

**Harvesting:**

Paul Fellinger reported, we are short on Harvester operators. Ed Mulkearn suggested checking out Clymer High schoolers or possibly advertise in the Tapestry.

**Old Business:**

* Strategic plan: Ed Mulkearn suggested to all committee heads to keep moving on these, with short comments at the Annual Meeting.
* Ed Mulkearn suggested taking monies from the general fund, set it aside to set algae blooms on reserve. Ben Fergus made a motion to set aside funds for algae blooms and Chrissy Craffey 2nd the motion. Motion was approved by all.

**Adjournment:**

Jeff Ireland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am, and Bill Simpkins 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

**Action Items:**

* Ed Mulkearn and Lex Brumagin will have a conversation with Paradise Bay New Owner.
* Lant Lictus will check into the tree in lake.
* Bill Simpkins will look into possible siding for the Waterwell.
* Bill Simpkins will check with Gene Blakeslee about using his bucket truck for flagpole repair.
* Jeff Ireland will get budget info to Erin Miller for Erie Gives.
* Ed Mulkearn will talk to Clymer Schools recruiting possible harvester operators.

Respectively submitted,

Debbie Thresher, Secretary