

Spring Lake - Lake Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2025 | 4:00pm

Barber Street School

102 W. Exchange St.

Spring Lake, MI

APPROVED

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brugger at 4:00pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Taken by the secretary, Michelle Hazekamp. A quorum was present (9); *Josh Brugger, Joe Bush, Rick Soldo, Michelle Hazekamp, Jim Walters, Carly Schultz, Dave Billinghamurst, Roger Vanderstelt, Stephanie Barrett.*
Absent: John Nash.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Rick Soldo moved to approve the agenda. Jim Walters 2nd.
Discussion: None. Motion carries.
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Stephanie Barrett moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 25th. Carly Scholtz 2nd. *Discussion: None. Motion carries.*
5. **Financial Report:** Rick Soldo has been comparing the budgets from the last 3 years, and has determined the budget is \$670,000 per year. Rick suggested we establish a budget for 2026. Rick created an RFP for accounting services and requested Ottawa County look it over before submitting it out for bids. Joe Bush presented the financial report for accounts payable/receivable as of 08/21/2025. Roger Vanderstelt moved to approve the financial report. Stephanie Barrett 2nd. **Motion carries.**
**Note: the difference between expenditures and revenues is due to Fruitport delaying payments.*
6. **Consultant Report:** Paul Hausler (Progressive)- The Alum treatment is completed and the water clarity is better than last August. Non-native plant control treatments are ongoing. Summit Labs has taken recent water samples and the phosphorus numbers are significantly lower than last summer, but we have not yet received chlorophyll numbers yet. The main lake has virtually no algae, but there is some at the end of the bayou's. Paul will start working on an RFP to receive bids on mechanical harvesting for next year, but we will need a joint Army Corps/EGLE permit due to our section 10 status. Paul will bring the proposal maps for harvesting to our next meeting and will begin to set up a Spring Lake community email on the website to communicate with and alert home owners of treatment dates, times and other important information.
7. **Technical Committee Update:** (Rick Soldo/Jim Walters) - A Watershed Management Plan has been drafted, however, revisions need to be made due to Ottawa County Conservation District already working on some of the components as well as other local conservation groups. We still need to find a consultant and determine what is left to be done. Some components may be done at lower cost utilizing the conservation groups. Rick is organizing a Technical Subcommittee meeting in a couple of weeks to discuss details and decide if we need to send out an RFP for consultant services.. Josh Brugger

stated that he thinks we will need to do an RFP. Joe Bush said he will put something together for the RFP.

8. **Project Update Reports with each Municipality Status:** Reports were given to each municipality at the township meetings.
9. **HAB Webinar:** Jim Walters participated in a webinar with the Michigan Sea Grant and talked about the processes we used for treating Spring Lake. Paul Hausler will put the link to the webinar on the website. Rick Soldo moved to add the webinar link to the website. Carly Scholtz 2nd. **Motion carries.**
10. **New Business:** Paul Hausler presented an invoice for updating the Lake Watershed Management Plan in the amount of \$2,220.00. Rick Soldo asked Paul to send him the total amount for completing the plan. Josh Brugger asked Paul to bring an estimate of final cost to the technical subcommittee meeting in a couple of weeks. Rick Soldo moved to approve the invoice for \$2,220.00. Roger Vanderstelt 2nd. *Roll call vote:* **Motion passed unanimously.**
11. **Public Comment:** Comments were made by Rick Briggs, Ann Smith, Bob Weiselberg, and Sue Halter.
12. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.

The next Lake Board meeting is September 24 at 4:00pm at the Barber School.