

**Minutes of the 3/2/2015 Hackert LIB meeting
Amber Township Hall**

A regular meeting of the Hackert Lake Improvement Board was held 5:00 pm, March 2, 2015 at the Amber Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. by Chairperson C.VanderWall.

Roll call was taken. Present: C. Anderson, J. Ochs, R. Ruba, C. VanderWall, R. Plowe

Absent: None

Guests: None

Motion by R. Ruba and seconded by R. Plowe to approve agenda. Motion carried.

The board discussed the timing of a lake tour at the June 9, 2015 scheduled meeting. A motion was made by C. Vanderwall and seconded by R. Ruba that the meeting shall occur at the Amber Township Hall at 5 pm and weather permitting a lake tour would commence immediately following the meeting from the public boat launch. J. Ochs will have his pontoon available. Motion carried.

The board discussed the formation of a budget for 2015. The 2013 budget was discussed. It was noted that 2014 did not have any activity. A motion by R. Ruba and seconded by J. Ochs to have C. Anderson develop a budget that contains the following items:

Beginning Balance 01/01/2015	\$ 12,081.97
WSCC Water Quality Survey	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00
Remainder Balance of \$ 10,081.97 as contingency	

The final budget is to be emailed to board members and attached to approved minutes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the policy of obtaining signatures for checks written. It was agreed that the existing policy of Treasurer, plus 2 board members is sufficient for payment of expenses.

The board discussed whether the pursuit of a higher interest rate or any interest rate would be worth the effort at this time. The board felt the low interest rates would not justify the effort at this time.

The board discussed the proposed retainer agreement by Dr. G. Douglas Pullman received December 11, 2014. The board agreed that the receiving board member will immediately forward and make available any proposals received to the other board members. The Dr. Pullman proposal was received by the full board (via email) just prior to March 2, 2015 meeting. The board also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of various methods of prevention to lake problems that may arise to Hackert Lake in the future. The discussion was revolved around proactive versus reactive philosophy and the use of "consultants" and costs associated. It was noted that **no** plan of action is required at this time.

J. Ochs will schedule the Amber Township Hall for the June 9, 2015 meeting.

Public Comments: B. Haupt noted there is no criteria for being called a "consultant". His opinion is that the board should complete due diligence with scientific fact. He also informed the board of dredging permits that were being approved at other neighboring lakes. B. Haupt also informed the board of riparian's who were helping themselves and other riparian's by making barriers that help protect against future water problems. It was noted that our lake and Lake Association had very concerned citizens who are actively watching for any water problems to arise.

Motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. by C. VanderWall and seconded by R. Plowe. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted March 9, 2015

Rick Ruba