



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT JOINT BOARD
MINUTES
July 25, 2007**

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Joint Board met July 25, 2007, at the Indian Lake State Park office, Lakeview, Ohio. Chairman Frank Phelps called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

The following Joint Board members were present:

Frank Phelps	Logan SWCD
John Schwarck	Auglaize SWCD
Tom Sprang	Hardin SWCD

The following ex-officio members were present:

Kevin Braig	Watershed Resident
Kay Daugherty	Watershed Resident
Bob Erwin	Watershed Businessperson
Cliff Hoenie	Watershed Resident
Betty Kaser	Watershed Resident
Betty Kennedy	Watershed Businessperson
Dave Leiter	ILDC
Hal Miller	Watershed Resident
Gordon Neufang	Watershed Resident
Carol Parker	Watershed Resident
Garis Pugh	ILWPCD
Don Walters	Village of Russells Point
Jim Weybright	Watershed Resident
Gabe Wickline	Watershed Businessperson

The following Agency/Organization representatives and guests were present:

Linda Merchant-Masonbrink	Ohio EPA
Jack Webb	Executive Director, ILWP
Vicky Boots	Project Secretary, ILWP

Ohio EPA representative Linda Merchant-Masonbrink reported to the board members the recent monitoring activities conducted at the lake by OEPA. The National Lake Survey was developed and funded by USEPA. The project was conducted in all the lower 48 states. Grand Lake St. Mary's and Indian Lake along with 17 other lakes were chosen in the state of Ohio. A total of 909 lakes will be sampled between June and September. The raw data will be available April 1 but the final report will not be completed until 2009. The sampling was conducted on June 27. June 27. The monitoring dates coincided with the Land Sat 5 satellite flyover. Additional satellite flyover dates for Indian Lake are October 1 and 17, November 2 and 18, and December 4

and 20. If at anytime there are concerns regarding Indian Lake, Linda encouraged individuals to contact her.

John Schwarck moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006, meeting as mailed. Bob Erwin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Weybright moved to approve the financial report as mailed. Garis Pugh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The list of outstanding bills was presented to board members. Cliff Hoenie moved the list of outstanding bills be paid as presented. Hal Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BILLS NEEDING BOARD APPROVAL

PAID BILLS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Logan SWCD – rent Jan. – June	\$ 1,500.00
½ phone bill –Jan. - June	\$ 212.93

INTENSIVE GRAZING

US Bancorp - 2/3 Printer Lease agreement –Jan. – May	\$ 3,629.08
Top of Ohio – Tour Stop Sponsorship	\$ 500.00
Logan SWCD – Home Show Booth Space rental	\$ 200.00

OUTSTANDING BILLS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Logan SWCD – rent July	\$ 250.00
½ phone bill – July	\$ 35.90

INTENSIVE GRAZING

U.S. Bancorp – 2/3 printer lease – July	\$ 451.20
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Executive Director Jack Webb informed board members that the status of the ILWP Board of Directors general operating funds is becoming an area of concern. The funds are at the level that it has become necessary to tap into the Nature Center Honda Grant funds to pay for the normal monthly activities. It was discussed that the ILWP Joint Board approve a transfer from the line item account to the ILWP Board of Directors. Bob Erwin Moved that the ILWP Joint Board transfer \$10,000.00 of line item account to the ILWP Board of Directors to be used strictly for Administrative expenses. Dave Leiter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LSWCD Appreciation Dinner	August 21
ILWP Annual Meeting	August 22
Dredge Day	September 14
Farm Science Review	September 18, 19, & 20
Drive-It-Yourself Tour	September 29 and 30

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON GRAND LAKE ST. MARY'S – Joint Board Chairperson Frank Phelps addressed the members of the Grand Lake St. Mary's watershed project about the successes of the ILWP watershed project. The Grand Lake St. Mary's project is experiencing difficulties with community involvement and cooperation. Frank received some good questions and feedback following his presentation.

MIAMI RIVER PROJECT UPDATE – Indian Lake Joint Board Chairperson and Miami River Improvement Project Joint Board of Supervisors Chairperson Frank Phelps informed board members that approximately 2-3 weeks ago the Joint Board of County Commissioners met and voted to take the project off the table and schedule a meeting for the 5 participating county prosecutors to meet to appeal or not the snag and clear project. The result of that meeting will determine whether the project will proceed. The issue will be on the ballot in November in Logan County only.

UPDATE ON LOGAN LANDING PROJECT – The Logan County Engineer allowed the contractors developing the Logan Landing RV Park to install rip rap along the channel and build a retaining wall without a permit. The ODNr State Office has taken a “no involvement” position on the project. It is the board's opinion that this is a bad precedence to set for future projects in the watershed.

UPDATE ON TILE BLOWOUT REQUEST FOR MARVIN SEELEY GROUP – Executive Secretary/Treasurer Vicky Boots that the bills have been received and checks have been issued to the 5 participants in the project. This closes out the funds in the Tile Proposal Program.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON ACTION PLAN/EXPANSION – Executive Director Jack Webb distributed draft copies of the Watershed Action Plan to members present for their review and input. Members were requested to pay particular attention to the “flavor and tone” of the document and the goals for the next 5-10 years. It is a must that project strive to continue to improve the water quality of Indian Lake.

KEEP LOGAN COUNTY BEAUTIFUL LAKE BOAT EXCURSION – Board member Don Walters, who is a member of the Keep Logan County Beautiful committee, informed board members of an upcoming Boat Excursion of Indian Lake. The committee is requesting volunteers to provide pontoon boats for the event scheduled for September 21, 11:30 A.M. at Moundwood. Contact Don Walters, Jack Webb or Angie Payne if interested in volunteering.

ADOPT A “STREAMBANK” FOR INDIAN LAKE – Board member Don Walters will approach the Keep Logan County Beautiful Committee regarding the possibility of developing an “Adopt a Streambank on Indian Lake” program. Volunteers would be responsible for collecting the litter along a streambank in the Indian Lake area. Don will report at the next board meeting.

John Schwarck moved to approve all meeting transactions. Tom Sprang seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The date of the next official joint board meeting will be announced at a later date.

Betty Kennedy moved the meeting be adjourned. Dave Leiter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.