

**Minutes for the Lake Oakland  
Lake Improvement Board Meeting  
April 21, 2026**

Robert Stawarz called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. at the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room.

**PRESENT:** Robert Stawarz, Citizen Member/Chairperson  
Stephanie Petriello, Oakland County WRC, Secretary  
Karen Joliat, Oakland County Commissioner  
Paul Brown, Independence Township Treasurer  
Paul Hausler, Progressive Companies  
Jared Laughlin, Progressive Companies  
Ryan Woloszyk, Oakland County WRC  
David, Resident

**OPEN MEETING:**

All participants stated their name and affiliation for the record.

Stephanie Petriello reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet (see Attachment 'A').

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:**

Karen Joliat, supported by Paul Brown, moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented (see Attachment 'B').

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Karen Joliat, supported by Paul Brown, moved to accept the minutes as presented for the October 7, 2025 Lake Improvement Board meeting.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Progressive Companies will post the meeting minutes on the Lake Oakland website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Herbicide and Harvesting Contract Discussion

Jared Laughlin indicated that both contractors, Aqua-Weed Control Inc. and Oakland Harvesters, agreed to continue their contracts at the same cost until the end of 2027, pending board approval. Rob Stawarz expressed interest in looking for other companies that would treat closer to the shoreline. Paul Hausler voiced caution in expecting better pricing from other companies when the cost of diesel fuel has significantly increased over the past several months. Rob Stawarz would like to consider adding shoreline treatment to the next assessment budget.

Karen Joliat, supported by Stephanie Petriello, moved to continue with the current contracts to the end of 2027.

### **Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. EGLE Permit**

Jared Laughlin shared that the annual permit for lake treatment was secured by Aqua-Weed Control Inc.

##### **B. Survey Schedule**

Jared Laughlin shared that a survey is scheduled for the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> with treatment planned for the following week. The first harvest is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### **C. Lake Water Levels**

Rob Stawarz expressed concern about the high lake levels. Ryan Woloszyk stated that the dam is open, but Lake Oakland sits in the middle of a chain of lakes and can only draw down as quickly as those around it can. All of the local lakes are high due to the recent rain event.s

##### **D. Shoreline Weed Growth/Aqua Contracting Discussion**

Rob Stawarz spoke with several residents who were approached by Aqua Contracting or are working with Aqua Contracting to address individual shoreline weed management. He was curious if the board could coordinate a better price for a larger treatment area or if the board would consider using them now or in the future. Jared Laughlin and Paul Hausler cautioned any homeowner who decides to work with this company. Progressive Companies have never heard of them but did some research and questioned the legality of some of their methods for the state of Michigan. If a homeowner is to use this company, they should make sure that all EGLE permits are in the company's name and not the homeowner's name.

E. Goose Busters!

Stephanie Petriello stated that Bill Tiedeman, lake resident, was coordinating with Goose Busters for goose nest and egg destruction. The Lake Improvement Board will receive an invoice for this work by the end of May.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Robert Stawarz opened the floor for public comments.

Ryan Woloszyk stated that work on the second dam will begin in the fall. Obtaining permits took longer than expected so the work will be pushed until after the summer boating season.

**LAKE OAKLAND INVOICES:**

Robert Stawarz outlined invoice #00208649 from Progressive Companies (dated March 31, 2026) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for quarterly lake management administration and oversight on Lake Oakland through March 27, 2026.

Paul Brown, supported by Stephanie Petriello, motioned to approve payment of invoice #00208649 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**LAKE OAKLAND INVOICE RATIFICATION:**

The following invoices were previously approved via email:

Robert Stawarz outlined invoice #00207240 from Progressive Companies (dated December 30, 2025) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for quarterly lake management administration and oversight on Lake Oakland through December 26, 2025.

Paul Brown, supported by Stephanie Petriello, motioned to ratify payment of invoice #00207240 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Stephanie Petriello asked if Progressive Companies received any results regarding the Lake Oakland milfoil samples that were sent to Montana State University. Jared Laughlin indicated that the University is going to conduct bioassays on the samples to determine the most affective treatment, but those results are not yet available.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The next Lake Board meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on June 24, 2026 at the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Stephanie Petriello, supported by Karen Joliat, moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Stephanie L. Petriello  
Lake Improvement Board Secretary  
For Lake Oakland

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND         )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the Lake Improvement Board for Lake Oakland, Oakland County, Michigan held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026, and that the said minutes are on file in the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, which is the principal office of the Lake Improvement Board for Lake Oakland.

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Stephanie L. Petriello  
Lake Improvement Board Secretary  
For Lake Oakland

Dated: April 27, 2026

**Attachment 'A'**

**OAKLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER  
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**DATE:** April 21, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.      **FACILITATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE**    Lake Improvement Board Meeting (WRC Lunch Room)

**TOPIC:**   Lake Oakland Lake Improvement Board Meeting

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# Attachment 'B'

## **AGENDA**

### **LAKE OAKLAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Building Lunchroom

1. Open Meeting
  - a. Introductions and Attendance
2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda for April 21, 2026
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2025
4. Old Business
  - a. Herbicide and Harvesting Contract Discussion
    - i. Harvesting Contract Requirements
5. New Business
  - a. EGLE Permit
  - b. Survey Schedule
  - c. Lake Water Levels
  - d. Shoreline Weed Growth
  - e. Aqua Contracting Discussion
  - f. Goosebusters, invoice expected end of May, Bill Tiedeman
6. Public Comments
7. Lake Oakland Invoices
  - a. Invoice approval (#00208649, dated March 31, 2026) from Progressive Companies for quarterly lake management administration and oversight for Lake Oakland through March 27, 2026 in the amount of \$5,000.00.
8. Lake Oakland Invoice Ratification
  - a. Ratification of Progressive Companies Invoice #00207240 (December 30, 2025) for quarterly lake management administration and oversight for Lake Oakland through December 26, 2025. Stephanie Petriello, supported by Rob Stawarz, to pay the invoice in the amount of \$5,000.
9. Board Member Comments
10. Schedule Next Meeting Date
11. Adjournment