

Bear Lake – Lake Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
North Muskegon City Hall

Chairman Paul Pek called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Chairman Pek, Members Howell and Panici, Commissioners Barrett and Cook

Absent: Member Panici and Commissioner Cook.

Also present: None.

ROLL

Chair Pek called the roll.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve the agenda. Member Howell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve the January 13 minutes with the amendment to correct the year from 2025 to 2026. Member Howell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Chair Pek and Treasurer/Vice-Chair Howell: 2026 Proposed Budget presented.

Motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the budget as presented. Member Howell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Secretary Barrett: Nothing to report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- MI Lakes & Streams Assoc Membership (Pek): will look into further later in the year.
- New Financial Report and Worksheet (Pek/Howell): Treasurer/Vice-Chair Howell is working with the City of North Muskegon Treasurer to prepare better financial statements for the board. The report should be ready for the May meeting.
- Spring Newsletter: Chair Pek to contact Laketon Township and City of North Muskegon staff to inquire if they send out newsletters and if we could include information about the Lake Board in them.

- Bylaws amendment: Motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the amendment as presented. Member Howell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Attorney: Commissioner Barrett moved to approve Kyle O'Meara of Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes to represent Bear Lake Lake Board as legal counsel. Member Howell seconded the motion. Barrett – yes, Howell – yes, Pek – yes. Motion approved.
- GVSU Report: Discussion on blue-green algae reduction, sonde device, and potential future use of filter socks.
- GVSU 2026 Continuation: Commissioner Barrett moved to approve GVSU AWRI Bear Lake monitoring in the amount not to exceed \$23,000.00. Member Howell seconded the motion. Barrett – yes, Howell – yes, Pek – yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pek adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Next meeting May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM at North Muskegon City Hall