



NOVEMBER 29, 2023
MEETING AGENDA

TIME: 4 PM

LOCATION: Lake Isabella Village Hall, 1010 Clubhouse Drive, Lake Isabella, MI 48893

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call of Members:

Village

Dave Torgerson

Robert Laraway

Brent Peavey

Carol Shannon (alt)

LIPOA

John Dauffenbach

Norm Burmeister

Bill Keelean

Christine Belanger (alt)

At-Large

Todd Buchanan

Pete Dambrosio

Tracy Nelson

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Approval of Financial Report & Future Account – Tim Wolff

V. Public Comments & Questions Submitted Before the Meeting

VI. Permit Application Update – George King

VII. Village Lagoon Property – Tim Wolff

VIII. Discussion about Future Sub-Committees – Dave Torgerson

IX. Meet & Greet Event Details/Planning

X. Public Comments

XI. Additional Committee Discussion if Necessary

XII. Set Next Meeting

XIII. Adjournment

A meeting of the Joint Lake & River Restoration Committee was called to order at 4 PM by committee chairperson Burmeister.

LIPOA Members Present: Burmeister, Dauffenbach¹, and Keelean
Village Members Present: Laraway, Peavey, and Torgerson
At-Large Members Present: Buchanan, Dambrosio, and Nelson

Torgerson made a motion, seconded by Buchanan, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Keelean, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the Financial Report showing available funds of \$33,850. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Comments Submitted Before the Meeting: LIPOA Manager King discussed a conversation with a property owner concerned about dredging Bonita Bay.

Permit Application Update:

King updated the Committee on the status of the application for Birch Bay. He stated that EGLE has informed him that they will be looking at the application for the first time by the end of the month.

The Committee discussed the timing of applying for Par Beach's dredging permit. A consensus was reached not to submit that application until EGLE has acted on the Birch Bay application.

Wolff suggested sending a letter to the adjacent owners in Birch Bay, who EGLE will notify of the application as they have a 30-day comment period. The Committee endorsed this idea as a proactive measure to answer property owners' questions.

Purchasing Policy:

The Committee reviewed the Village's purchasing policy changes prepared by Keelean. The Committee agreed with Wolff's recommendation to add the term "or Chair's designee" to the policy. This change allows staff to complete necessary transactions approved by the Committee or Chairperson.

Burmeister made a motion, seconded by Laraway, to adopt the amended purchasing policy. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Vendor Meet & Greet:

The Committee discussed holding an informational meeting for interested vendors.

¹ Dauffenbach arrived at 4:19 PM.

The Committee identified 1 PM on December 6, 2023, as the preferred time and date to meet at the LIPOA office. This will allow interested bidders to see the condition of Birch Bay.

The Committee discussed the timing of when to prepare and request bids, as well as bidding out each project individually versus all of the projects collectively. Pros and cons for each option were discussed, but no formal action was taken.

Wolff set up a new email account that is sent to both the Village and LIPOA for interested bidders to use on the project.

Public Comments: None

The next meeting was tentatively set for November 29th at 4 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.

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Lake & River Restoration Project

Companies interested in being notified of upcoming bidding opportunities on this project can complete the contact to be notified by [clicking here](#).

Voters in Lake Isabella overwhelmingly approved a dedicated special millage in 2023 to fund restoration work on the lake and river bottom. The proposal to levy up to 3 mills for 12 years passed with nearly 70% support by the voters. More information on the proposal can be found in the following materials that were prepared in advance of the election:

- [May 2023, Village Spring Newsletter](#)
- [July 2023, Special Election Newsletter](#)
- [July 2023, FAQ Newsletter](#)
- [August Election Reminder Flyer](#)
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A condensed look at what was approved at the August 8, 2023, Special Election is as follows:

Requested Millage Span 12 years	Requested Millage Amount 3 Mills	Year 1 Revenue \$281,103															
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Local firms invited to submit bids



Aerial view of Lake Isabella. Photo courtesy of Lake Isabella.



By **SUE KNICKERBOCKER FIELD**

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Community leaders in Lake Isabella are already at work on a restoration project that won't be funded until summer 2024 taxes are collected, hoping to find local contractors and save taxpayer money.

Lake Isabella voters in August overwhelmingly approved a dedicated millage to fund lake and river bottom restoration efforts, and the community's Joint Lake Restoration Committee applied in October for the first permit needed to start the work, Lake Isabella Village Manager Tim Wolff said.

While the first of the funding from the millage will not be available until after summer 2024 taxes are collected, Wolff said, the application submitted to the state seeks approval to dredge several thousand cubic yards of material from Birch Bay, which is located on Queens Way across from the Lake Isabella Property Owners Association office and is adjacent to Isabella County's Gilmore Park.

Village leaders are working on hosting an event to bring in local firms to bid on the project.

"Members of the Joint Lake Restoration Committee, a combination of village, community, and property owners association members, are looking to host an informal meet and greet event in early December with firms interested in working on the upcoming project," Wolff said. "Letters are being sent to over a dozen local companies that could eventually perform work on the project inviting them to this informational meeting."

Wolff said a critical factor in the Lake Isabella officials are pursuing is to dredge the lake bottom during the winter drawdown.

Currently, the village's drawdown permit from the state allows for up to six feet of winter drawdown, Wolff said.

Lake Isabella's dam, designed in the 1960s, has two gates that can lower the lake level by as much as 10 feet, according to Wolff.

"Doing the bulk of the work during the winter drawdown is hoped to lower project costs by making the project accessible to conventional earth-moving firms, not just firms specializing in dredging," Wolff said.

Interested firms are asked to visit the "Lake & River Restoration" page, which can be found under the "Your Community" dropdown menu on [Lake Isabella's website](#). There is an online form interested vendors can complete to be added to the project's list of potential bidders.

Wolff said the village's first opportunity to bid will happen once the approval permit for Birch Bay has been granted, potentially beginning in early 2024.

